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## Region still waiting on funding decisions for projects

**BY BOB DEMAREE**  
The Our Southern Indiana Regional Development Authority meeting on Friday provide several updates as that group and the communities it represents await confirmation on which projects will be funded through the state's READI 2.0

grant program. In August, OurSIRDA announced that 30 projects were given the go ahead toward receiving funding from the \$45 million awarded to the region from the Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) by the Indi-

ana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC). But before projects are funded they must undergo economic impact analysis by the IEDC. Cory Cochran, executive director of River Hills Economic Development District that was hired by OurSIRDA to admin-

ister the grants, said 17 of the 30 projects have undergone economic impact analysis, and he expects the rest to be completed in the next few weeks. "We're waiting until economic impact studies are done and the IEDC has been able to weigh in on those projects,"

Cochran said. The region is also competing with all other regions in Indiana for \$250 million in Lilly Endowment funds to address blight remediation and redevelopment, and arts and culture.

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## POKER RUN



Madison's riverfront was packed with UTVs and golf carts for Saturday's Madison Riverfront Development Committee's Poker Run fundraiser.



**Above:** Rob Barlow (sitting) assists participants at Saturday's Madison Riverfront Development Committee Poker Run during a stop at Shipley's Tavern. Hundreds of UTVs and golf carts participated in the event, which is a fundraiser for the committee's work to develop and beautify the Madison riverfront. **Right:** Participants in a Cam-Am Defender side-by-side (from left) Mandy Miller, Jenna Daulton, Ashley Greer, Melissa Viravong and Amber Roberts enjoy themselves at Saturday's Madison Riverfront Development Committee's Poker Run. The event is a fundraiser for the committee's work on the Madison riverfront.



## Copeland named county's Highway Superintendent

**BY BOB DEMAREE**  
Jason Copeland was named Jefferson County Highway Superintendent by the County Commissioners at their meeting Thursday. Copeland will replace Bobby Phillips who after nearly nine years in the position has resigned as effective Oct. 18, after accepting a position with FPBH Inc., a civil engineering, environmental, surveying, planning and inspecting firm. "It's a big step, big shoes to walk behind, but we're going to try," Copeland said of succeeding Phillips, who last month was named County Highway Superintendent of the Year by the Association of Indiana Counties. "Coming in after Bobby, he's done such an outstanding job in the field. It's hard to follow somebody like that. We're



Jason Copeland

going to work towards that. He set the bar high, and we're going to go after that bar." Copeland, a 2001 graduate of Madison Consolidated High School, has worked for the county highway department for nine years, initially hired as truck driver, then a mechanic truck driver and now foreman of the mechanic shop. Before joining the highway department, Copeland had worked 12 years for Arvin Sango as a machine operator, a shipping forklift operator, and was working as a shipping and receiving operator when he left that job to work for a logging company in Switzerland County. Phillips said when Copeland applied for a job with the highway department nine years ago, "I hired him on the spot," knowing he would a be great

asset. Phillips is optimistic that Copeland will be successful as highway superintendent. "There were really good candidates," but "Jason has worked really hard, and his interest level was definitely there, and he's excelled recently," particularly as a mentor to the other highway employees. Copeland grew up on Camp Meeting Road in Shelby Township but now lives in Deputy with his wife, Andrea, and three children, Benjamin, 15, a freshman at Madison Consolidated High School; Elijah, 13, an eighth grader at Madison Junior High School; and Laurel, 7, a second grader at Deputy Elementary School. Copeland said the county highway department does work that impacts "a lot of lives" because the roads are essential to what people do. "They need to go to the grocery store, need to go to work,

need to check on mom and dad. There has got to be somebody there that's keeping them safe, keeping them going, keeping them able — that's what we're striving for." Copeland said the county's highway department employees are a conscientious group capable of meeting those goals. "It's almost like a family after nine years, and they're great people. We have got one of best world class crews out there," he said of his co-workers. "They are just willing to do it and make it right the first time. I'm going to lean on them because those guys are good; they truly are. We have a heck of a team. We have a heck of crew." Copeland noted that Phillips has "built a heck of a foundation," and laid the ground work for the highway department. "Hopefully we can build on what he's done, and keep on going."

## County to convert Revolving Loan program to cash grants

**BY BOB DEMAREE**  
Jefferson County's Revolving Loan program that was started in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic will be going into its final phase after approval was given to convert that loan program into a cash grant program. Brian Amick, the county's grant writer/archivist, said there have now been three rounds of revolving loans, and while the county's original \$300,000 fund is down to approximately \$50,000, it would still be operating through 2031 if it continued as a loan program. Revolving Loan program was a federal initiative established in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic to help small businesses retain low-to-moderate income jobs. The county received a \$250,000 grant from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs to which the county added \$50,000 for the \$300,000 total. Set up for 48 months, small business owners would pay back the loans in monthly payments with 0% interest with half of the loan forgiven if after two years the business was still in good standing and half of the money borrowed had been repaid. With half of the money from each loan coming back to the county and those funds being used to make additional rounds of loans, the program extended well beyond the pandemic and creating ongoing work to administer the program. In an effort to reduce that administrative work, a decision was made to modify the grant awards to allow the program to end in a more timely manner by issuing grants rather than loans. "The next step is to get the application made" for the cash grant program, said Amick. "We're changing the program but we still have to stay true to the original intent of the program." In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved a contract with Samsara Inc. for \$11,089 to provide GPS tracking for county highway vehicles in the event of accidents and particularly during those times when county vehicles are operating in hazardous weather conditions. "I'm all about safety," said Commissioner Bobby Little, expressing his support for the purchase.

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# Pendleton man charged with murder in Henry wreck that killed 2

Police say suspect fled scene while victim still alive

**BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP**  
A Pendleton, Kentucky, man who police say “showed extreme indifference for human life” has been charged with murder following a wreck that killed a Smithfield, Kentucky, man and New Castle, Kentucky, woman Friday, Oct. 4.

Trustin Bryce Hasenauer, 21, of 177 Fox Run Road, was scheduled to be arraigned Monday morning on charges that include leaving the scene of an accident, DUI with aggravating circumstances, and failure to render aid, according to a citation on file in Henry District Court.

As of Monday morning, he remained lodged at the Oldham County Detention Center on a \$500,000 cash bail.

The citation says Hasenauer was more than twice the legal limit for alcohol when his Chevrolet pickup truck crossed the center line and struck a motorcycle around 10:30 p.m. on LaGrange Road (KY 146) near New Castle.

The driver of the motorcycle, Austin T. Doane, 40, of Smithfield, was pronounced dead at the scene when police arrived. The passenger, Holly Christian Hawkins, 31, of New Castle, was receiving what police described as

“life-saving” measures. She was transported to University Hospital in Louisville where she was later pronounced dead by the Jefferson County Coroner’s Office.

Multiple witnesses told police they saw Hasenauer flee from the scene on foot, according to the citation.

The owner of the truck Hasenauer was driving arrived, saying Hasenauer had called him and told him he’d been in a wreck and was back at his residence on Fox Run Road.

When police arrived at Hasenauer’s residence, he told them he “thought he hit a deer,” according to the citation. When asked if he had consumed alcohol, Hasenauer allegedly told police he had “one beer.”

After being taken into custody, Hasenauer allegedly told police he left the scene because he was scared and his license was expired. He also allegedly told them he consumed alcoholic beverages at a restaurant in New Castle before the wreck.

Hasenauer, who also has an address of Cheyenne, Wyoming, is also charged with reckless driving, operating without a license and failure to produce an insurance card.

The incident is being investigated by the Kentucky State Police. Assisting at the scene were Henry County EMS, Lake Jericho and New Castle fire departments and the Henry County Coroner’s Office.



Trustin Bryce Hasenauer

## NEWS OF RECORD

**JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER**

**LODGINGS**  
**October 3, 2024**  
Lisa D. Agnew, 65, Madison, for Battery-Domestic, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.  
William R. Agnew, 65, Madison, for Battery-Domestic, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.  
Carol Sebree, 69, Madison, on a Jefferson County warrant for failure to appear. Bond \$5,000 cash.

**October 4, 2024**  
Eric Michael Beckley, 45, Madison, to serve 3 days jail on a court-ordered sentencing, No bond.  
Landon Thomas Carter, 20, Madison, for Operating Without Ever Obtaining a License, a Class A misdemeanor; and Reckless Driving, a Class C misdemeanor. Released on own recognizance.  
Cyrus A. Daniel, 38, to serve 2 days jail on a court-ordered sentencing. No bond.  
Jose Maria Garcia-Zelaya, 49, Madison, to serve 2 days jail on a court-ordered sentencing. No bond.  
Jeremy Lee Owens, 37, Deputy, Indiana, to serve 2 days jail on a court-ordered sentencing. No bond.  
Jessie Robinson, 60, Madison, to serve 2 days jail on a court-ordered sentencing. No bond.  
Vincent Lee Wiefeling, 34,

Madison, to serve 2 days jail on a court-ordered sentencing. No bond.  
Troy D. Pearson, 58, Madison, for Operating a Vehicle with a BAC of .15, and Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated-Endangerment, both Class A misdemeanors. Bond \$500 cash.  
David Jonathon Gates, 41, Lexington, Indiana, for Domestic Battery, a Level 6 felony. No bond.

**October 5, 2024**  
Rank Carter, 40, Madison, for Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of a Syringe, both Level 6 felonies. Bond \$1,000 cash.  
Brian Xavier Celio, 38, Rensselaer, Indiana, on a warrant to hold for another jurisdiction (Jasper County for residential break and enter). No bond.

**October 6, 2024**  
Justin Neil Brooks Jr., 21, Madison, for Criminal Confinement, a Level 3 felony; and Battery-Serious Bodily Injury, a Level 5 felony. No bond.  
Lennon Tate Lytle Perry, 22, Madison, for Criminal Confinement, a Level 3 felony; and Battery-Serious Bodily Injury, a Level 5 felony. No bond.  
Brian Kent Updegraff, 66, Madison, on Jefferson County bench warrants. Bond a combined \$2,000 cash.

**October 7, 2024**  
Cameron Skyler Stewart, 26, Commiskey, Indiana, for

Criminal Confinement, a Level 3 felony; and Battery-Serious Bodily Injury, a Level 5 felony. No bond.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT**

**SENTENCINGS**  
**October 2, 2024**  
Jose Maria Garcia-Zelaya, 49, Madison, for Operating Without a Valid License, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 4 days jail to be served on a weekends plus \$189.50 in court costs.  
Jeffrey Wayne Richards, 31, Madison, for Invasion of Privacy, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 60 days jail, fully executed with consecutive sentencing to revocation of probation for 60 days jail (invasion of privacy) and 365 days at Indiana Department of Correction (domestic battery) plus \$289 in fees and court costs with No Contact Order to remain in effect.

**October 5, 2024**  
Autumn L. Freiburger, 31, Yorktown, Indiana, to an amended charge of Conspiracy to Deal in a Controlled Substance, a Level 5 felony. Sentenced to 1,460 days at Indiana Department of Correction, with credit for 279 days served and 1,181 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$989 in fees and court costs.  
Austin Jeffrey Tullis, 19,

Madison, to an amended charge of Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail with credit for 2 days served and 178 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$489.50 in fees and court costs and driver’s license suspended for 180 days with Specialized Driving Privileges.

**October 5, 2024**  
Sterling Wayne Johnson, 26, Hanover, to an amended charge of Theft, a Level 5 felony. Sentenced to 3 years at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 163 days earned and one year suspended to supervised probation plus \$289 in fees and court costs and fees.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

**JEFFERSON COUNTY**  
**October 3, 2024**  
Briana K. Theiring to Briana K. Theiring, approximately 5 acres at 8144 North U.S. 421, Madison.  
Teresa K. Jines and Gale S. Courtney to Gale S. Courtney and Beth A. Courtney, 1912 Wells Drive, Madison.

**October 4, 2024**  
Kenneth W. Garrett Jr. and Melinda D. Garrett to Logan Smoot and Adam Combs, 5390 West Mels Lane, Hanover.  
Lonnie Yoder and Violet Yoder to Jonathan Miller and Lena Miller, approximately 7 acres at 8923 West State Road 56, Lexington.

## GRANTS

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- County Highway Superintendent Bobby Phillips updated that the bridge deck has been poured

for the West Street bridge at the foot of Michigan Road in downtown Madison.

Phillips also noted that 75 to 100 trees were downed by heavy wind and storms on Friday, Sept. 27.

- Approved renewal of the county’s contract with WTH mapping

software for \$750 per month or \$9,000 a year.

- Commissioner David Bramer said proposals for an animal shelter design are due Oct. 18, as the county works towards seeking funding support for construction of a new animal shelter.

## FUNDING

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On Friday, Cochran said only one of the eight projects the region submitted for Lilly funds has been given a definite go-ahead — redevelopment of the 100-acre Jeffboat manufacturing site on Jeffersonville’s riverfront. “IEDC is working directly with the developer” for that project, he said.

Of those remaining, Cochran said four were told “not right now” and three were denied. Among the applications denied is a Madison project that would have provided a boat ramp and steamboat landing facility that fits in with the city’s efforts to promote riverboat visits by American Cruise Lines. The other two denied projects are a Falls of the Ohio outdoor education pavilion in Clarksville and the South Clarksville riverfront arts project.

Cochran said the IEDC did not give a specific reason for denying the three projects. “They went through those a little bit, saying they’re not really the fit for the Lilly funds,” he said.

Cochran said although those projects were denied for Lilly funding, “they are still in the running the READI funding,” and are among those undergoing economic

impact analysis review by the IEDC.

Among the four “not now” Lilly projects is the proposed community performing arts center at Parker Auditorium on the Hanover College campus.

The other three are Padgett District redevelopment in New Albany, the Edwardsville School Community Center project in Floyd County and Georgetown Park improvements in Floyd County.

“They have not been declined, which is good news,” said Kevin Kellems, Jefferson County’s representative on the OurSIRDA board. He noted it could be the IEDC hasn’t yet “spent the time or haven’t enough information yet. They’re still in the running.”

Madison projects remaining under READI consideration include creating a permanent amphitheater in Bicentennial Park and housing on former Madison Coal Company property now owned by the city. Also, Jefferson County’s READI project still under consideration is for a Krueger Lake Campground at the former Jefferson Proving Ground.

The meeting also includ-

ed an announcement that Lilly Endowment provided \$1.5 million for arts and culture planning throughout the state in which 15 grants were awarded to regions including \$100,000 to OurSIRDA.

A task force was created that includes the Southern Indiana Arts Alliance, Madison Area Arts Alliance, and two educators from the arts and culture field — one each from Scott and Washington counties — along with OurSIRDA board of directors Steve Meyer of Scott County and Ken Rush of Floyd County.

IEDC has provided a list of approved planning firms from which the task force can choose. “We want to identify as soon as possible so they can be under contract” to begin the strategic planning work that’s expect to take six months to one year to complete.

“It is easy to underestimate the value of arts and culture investments to the economy,” Kellems said. “It’s directly linked to economic development” in attracting people to the community. “CEOs tell us their biggest challenges are recruiting and retaining employees,” and that’s impacted by “quality of life and quality of place aspects where arts and culture are the key component.”

The IEDC is requiring that regions spend a minimum of 65% of READI 1.0 funds before being eligible to receive READI 2.0 funds. So far, 54% of OurSIRDA’s funds have been spent, and Cochran doesn’t expect the region to reach 65% until spring.

“The IEDC is starting to show concern” about funds not yet spent from READI 1.0 funds, particularly because they came from American Rescue Plan federal funds that must be allocated by the end of this year and spent by the end of 2026, Cochran said.

“I feel good where we are as a region” because OurSIRDA leads the state in money spent, he said. “However we are in a difficult position because some of these larger projects are not moving forward, and drawing down funds.”

Because of that concern, Cochran read a list of eight projects that have not yet spent any money including funds used to develop Ohio River Legacy Park and the adjacent parking lot.

Tony Steinhardt III, Madison’s city’s economic development coordinator, was surprised that project was included on the list because the park is now completed.

Kellems said the project was included in error. “Madison mistakenly was included on that list. There was request for disbursement of \$293,000 for that project to go to contractor that was submitted Aug. 16. It should not have been on that list.”

**BIRTHDAYS**

Editor’s Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

**OCTOBER 9**  
John Ball  
Tim Hillman

**OCTOBER 12**  
Lori Hedges  
Shirley Klopfer

**OCTOBER 13**  
Donovan Estridge

**OCTOBER 16**  
Greg Gosman  
Beth Knox  
Brett Roberts  
Beth Eades Skirvin

**OCTOBER 17**  
Devin Rowe  
Carson Roark

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**WEATHER**

**Sunrise:** 7:43 a.m.  
**Sunset:** 7:14 p.m.  
**Temperature:** High 70, Low 44, Mean 57, Deficit 2.1  
**Precipitation since last published:** 0  
**Precipitation, October 2024:** .08  
**Precipitation, 2024:** 34.57  
**Barometer:** 30.02, Rising  
**River Level at Clifty Creek:** 422.25, Steady  
**Forecast:** Wednesday: Sunny High 77/Low 46; Thursday: Sunny High 76/Low 43; Friday: Sunny High 78/Low 51.

**ANNIVERSARY: XX<sup>TH</sup>**

**OCTOBER 9**  
Alex and Kelsi Schmidlapp

**LOTTERY**

**INDIANA**  
**Hoosier Lotto:** 5-15-19-23-25-26 (10/5). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$24.3 million. Next Drawing (10/9).  
**Cash Five:** 23-30-33-38-44 (10/6)  
**Cash 4 Life:** 23-26-31-46-57 CB: 4 (10/6)

**KENTUCKY**  
**Cash Ball:** 25-26-32-33 CB 3 (10/6)  
**Kentucky 5 Extra:** 5-13-35-37-38 (10/6)  
**Lucky For Life:** 1-8-10-26-34 LB: 10 (10/6)

**POWERBALL**  
**2-12-46-52-65 PB:** 3, PP 2 (10/5). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$315 million. Next Drawing (10/7).  
**POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY:** 15-16-27-30-57 PB: 24 (10/5). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (10/7)

**MEGAMILLIONS**  
**21-39-42-43-45 MB:** 3, MP 2 (10/4). Next Jackpot: \$129 million. Next Drawing (10/8)



**OBITUARIES**

**Harry Iver Husby**

Harry Iver Husby, age 81, of Milton, KY, entered this life on June 24, 1943, in Mobile, AL. He was the loving son of the late Lewis Edward and Winifred Sara Poole Husby. He grew up in St. Elmo, AL, and graduated in 1961, from Mobile High School. He was inducted into the United States Navy on Feb. 7, 1966 in Louisville, KY. He rose to the rate of E-5 CTM2 as an communications technician second class during the Vietnam War Era. He was honorably discharged on May 9, 1969, in San Francisco, CA, receiving the National Defense Service Medal and remained in the

Reserves until July 5, 1970. On June 14, 1969, he was united in marriage to Alyce Evon Quick at the Emanuel Episcopal Church in Louisville, KY. This happy union of 53 years was blessed with two sons, Blaine and Aaron. He furthered his knowledge in electronics school and other trade schools. He worked early in life for Otis Elevators and at the Charlestown Ammunition Plant. He retired from Dow Corning in Carrollton, KY, after 30 years of service as the analyzing technician engineer. He was a faithful member of the Milton United Methodist Church now known



as the Christian Life Church of Milton. He was instrumental in building the bell tower and its most recent renovation. He also held membership in the Blacksmiths' Association in North Vernon. Harry was a noted craftsman in

jewelry, wood, copper, and metal tooling. He also enjoyed helping to restore old cars. He enjoyed his farm and nature as well. Harry was a devoted husband, loving dad, grandpa and friend. Harry died on Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024, at his home.

Harry will be missed by his loving sons, Blaine Husby and his companion, Linda Smith of Patriot, IN, Aaron Husby and his wife, Jarmila of Czech Republic; his grandchildren, Simona Husby and Kristian Husby; his nieces, Diane, Sharon, Susan, and Stacy; and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lewis Edward Husby; his

mother, Winifred Sara Poole Husby, wife of 53 years, Alyce Evon Quick Husby, died June 17, 2022, his sisters, Marion Francis Husby Hosch, and Olga Kathryn Husby Ferguson.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, Oct. 10, 2024, at 1 p.m., by Pastor Matt Kinnell at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Friday, Oct. 11, 2024, at 11 a.m., 1415 North Gate Road in Madison, IN.

Friends may visit Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2024, from 4 — 7 p.m. and

Thursday, Oct. 10, 2024, from 12 p.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

A final salute with military honors will be provided by the U.S. Navy Ceremonial Unit and the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jefferson County Animal Shelter. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

**Bruce Allen Cooper**

Bruce Allen Cooper, age 55, of Commiskey, IN, entered this life on July 13, 1969, in Madison, IN. He was the loving son of Bruce Cecil Wilson and Betsy Ann Briner Cooper. Bruce died on Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2024, at his home near Commiskey, IN.

Bruce will be missed by his loving

step children, Daniel Brim and Jessica Brim of Madison, IN; his granddaughters, Haley Huffman of Florence, KY, Ann Wise of Madison, IN, Allie Weaver of Madison, IN; his mother and step father, Betsy Ann Briner Cooper Anderson and her husband, Charles of Memphis, IN; his

brother, William Cooper and his wife, Brooke of Nebraska City, NE; his sisters, Edy Hartung and her husband, Darrell of Commiskey, IN Crystal Weaver and her husband, J.R. of Madison, IN; several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Bruce

Cecil Wilson Cooper; his paternal grandparents, Robert Mason Cooper, and Bessie A. Parsons Cooper; his maternal grandparents, William I. Briner, and Edythe Faye Gillespie Briner.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, Oct. 11, 2024, at 11a.m., by Rev. John Tingle at the Morgan & Nay

Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Dupont Cemetery in Dupont, IN.

Friends may visit Thursday, Oct. 10, 2024, from 4 — 7 p.m. and Friday, Oct. 11, 2024, from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree

Drive in Madison.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bruce A. Cooper Remembrance Fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

**Clifford Philip Sparks**

Clifford Philip Sparks, age 74, of Milton, KY, entered this life on March 4, 1950, in Brooklyn, NY. He was the loving son of the late Clifford Joseph and Mildred L. Antz Sparks. Sparks died on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024, at his home in Milton, KY.

Rev. Sparks will be missed by his loving daughters, Martha Louise Sparks and her husband,

Joseph Todd Johnson of Cleves, OH. Mary Linda Sparks and her husband, Eric Vandersyde of Hardinsburg, KY; his grandchildren, Avery Sparks-Johnson, Elizabeth Sparks-Johnson, and Jacob Sparks-Johnson; his father in law, Rev. George Edward Henry of Louisville, KY; his sister, Linda Reed and her husband, William

of North Port, NY; his brother in law, G. Edward Henry, II, and his wife, Gerri of Lexington, KY, Timothy Mark Henry of Louisville, KY, Phillip Victor Henry and his wife, Maire of Georgetown, KY; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Clifford Joseph Sparks; his mother, Mildred

Louise Antz Sparks; his beloved wife of 49 years, Betty Allen Henry Sparks, and his mother in law, Martha Belle Ammerman Henry, died February 1, 2016.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024, at 4 p.m., by Rev. Dr. Doug Walker at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 412 West Main Street in

downtown Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Fairmount Cemetery in Madison, IN.

Friends may visit Friday from 4 — 7 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN, and Saturday from 3 p.m. until the time of service at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 412 West Main Street in downtown

Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Trinity United Methodist Church or the Kentucky Wesleyan College. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, or at the church. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Deborah Lee “Debbie” Meyer Byrd, 71**, of Versailles, IN, died Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024. Funeral service will be at 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 12, at Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN, with interment to follow in the Pleasant Cemetery in Pleasant, IN, [www.haskellandmorrison.com](http://www.haskellandmorrison.com).

**Haislee Christine Crase, of Ghent**, KY, died on the day she was born on Friday, Oct. 4, 2024, in Edgewood, KY. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, at Ghent Masonic Cemetery in Ghent. Arrangements by Tandy Eckler Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, KY, [www.tandyeckler-rileyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tandyeckler-rileyfuneralhome.com).

**Wayne Thomas Hall, 60**, of Burlington Township, NJ and formerly of Scottsburg, IN, died Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024. Graveside service will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Madison, IN. Arrangements by Collins Funeral Home in Scottsburg, [www.collinsfuneralhome.net](http://www.collinsfuneralhome.net).

**Tracey Lynn Gaines Mitchell, 53**, of Carrollton, KY, died Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024, in Edgewood, KY. Funeral service was Sunday, Oct. 6, at The Pentecostals of Carrollton The Refuge in Carrollton. Graveside service was Monday, Oct. 7, at Ghent Masonic Cemetery in Ghent, KY. Arrangements by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral

Home in Carrollton, [www.tandyeckler-rileyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tandyeckler-rileyfuneralhome.com).

**Deborah L. Ward, 41**, of Rexville, IN, died Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024. Cremation was chosen with a celebration of life to be held at a later date. Arrangements by Stratton-Karsteter Funeral Home in Versailles, IN, [www.skfuneralhome.com](http://www.skfuneralhome.com).



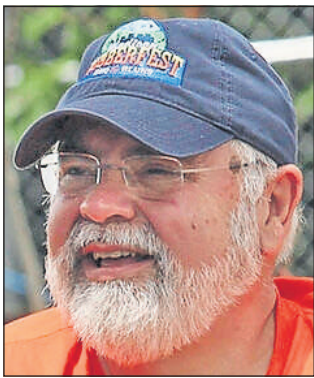
**Flutist Robert Cart, a Deputy native, will perform a Madison Performing Arts Foundation concert at Trinity United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. Friday.**

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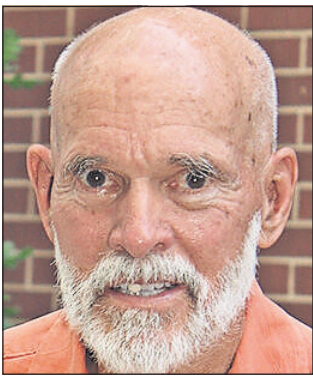
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**Four inducted to Physicians Wall of Honor at Norton King’s Daughter’s Health**

**BY THE COURIER STAFF**  
Norton King’s Daughters’ Health recognized four new Physicians’ Wall of Honor members during a celebration ceremony in the hospital’s courtyard last month.

This year’s inductees include David F. Butler, DDS (in memoriam); John P. Hossler, M.D.; Patrick W. Stack, M.D.; and Susan M. Stack, M.D.

Norton King’s Daughters’ Health established the Physicians’ Wall of Honor in 2008 as a tribute to local physicians who dedicated their lives to serving others in the community. Since the inaugural class in 2008, a total of 22 physicians have been recognized on the Wall of Honor.

David F. Butler, DDS,

began his oral and maxillofacial surgery practice in 1985, receiving his privileges at the former King’s Daughters’ Hospital that same year. He retired in 2020 and died in 2023.

John P. Hossler, M.D., served the Madison community for 43 years, beginning his family medicine practice in 1979 at the former Madison Clinic. Dr.

Hossler retired in 2022.

Patrick W. Stack, M.D., and Susan M. Stack, M.D., joined the former Madison Clinic as pediatricians in 1984. They retired in 2020 after 36 years of service.

To learn more about the Norton King’s Daughters’ Health Physicians’ Wall of Honor, contact Rachel Sharpe, foundation manager, at (812) 801-0555.

**Deputy native Cart performs on Flute Friday at Trinity**

**BY THE COURIER STAFF**

Flutist Robert Cart, a Deputy native, returns home to Jefferson County this Friday for a Madison Performing Arts Foundation concert at Trinity United Methodist Church, 412 West Main St., Madison, at 7 p.m.

A 1982 graduate of Madison Consolidated High School, Cart is an international soloist and chamber musician who has toured throughout Europe, Asia and the Americas.

He will be joined by

pianist, Starla Raley, a pianist who lives in Madison. On the program’s final number, they will be joined by jazz musicians from Cincinnati, bassist Bill Jackson and percussionist Stan Ginn, performing, Sonata Latino by Mike Mower. Sonata Latino incorporates Salsa, Merengue, Rumba, Tango and Bossa Nova.

The concert is free and open to the public. Donations are appreciated.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**EVENTS**

**Historic Eleutherian College Fall Gathering**

6927 State Road 250, Madison (Lancaster)  
Saturday, Oct. 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be tours throughout the day and paintings of Gale Walton on display. Author Debbie McIntyre will talk about her research on the Underground Railroad in Southeast Indiana

for her new book, “A Wishful Eye” at 11 a.m. Genealogist Phyllis McLaughlin will talk about the Walton family — one of the founding families of the college — at 1 p.m. Lindsey Bloos will sing songs popular in the days the school was open at 3 p.m. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy on the grounds.

**Forest for the Trees**

Gallery at the SPOT  
326 Mulberry Street, Madison

Friday, Oct. 11, 5-8 p.m.  
Join in a celebration of the trees with artist J. Wright Jr. PhD, who brings an abstract landscape to life with bold colors, expressive brushstrokes, and vibrant energy. Trees represent growth, strength, wisdom, and connection to the natural world.

**CONCERT**

**Flutist Robert Cart**  
Trinity United Methodist

Church  
412 West Main Street, Madison  
Friday, Oct. 11, 7 p.m.  
Flutist Robert Cart returns home to his Southern Indiana roots where his amazing career began. He and pianist, Starla Raley, are collaborating for this concert as well as for additional performances in Columbus, Vincennes, Evansville, Louisville, and Terre Haute.



# Community Foundation announces 24 grant awards

**BY THE COURIER STAFF**

Grants totaling \$344,137 have been awarded by the Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County (CFMJC) to 24 nonprofit organizations that serve Jefferson County residents.

The grants during the 2024 Competitive Grant Cycle benefit a wide variety of organizations through unique projects and initiatives that are made possible by the Community Foundation’s Flexible Community Funds and Field of Interest Endowment Funds.

To be considered for funding, agencies submitted an online application with all being reviewed by the Foundation’s Grants Committee.

This year’s cycle saw a record amount of dollars requested — more than \$1 million dollars total.

“Our committee was asked for more than three times the amount that we had available to grant,” said CFMJC President & CEO Bill Barnes.

“It’s a challenging task to determine the best investment of grant dollars available and that again stresses the importance of the generosity from donors who have created our Flexible Community Funds and Field of Interest Funds. These funds work together to make the largest impact for new programs and projects that benefit residents across Jefferson County.”

Agencies selected for funding include:

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeast Indiana** — to provide therapy kits and materials for the Jefferson County children they serve at Englishton Park.

**Boys and Girls Club of Jefferson County** — to upgrade flooring and purchase supplies for the Teen Renaissance room.

**City of Madison** — to build a new shelter house as part of the renovation of Damon L. Welch Park.

**Daughters of the American**

**Revolution, John Paul Chapter** — to support Phase 1 of Re-Envisioning John Paul Park through strategic planning and designs.

**Englishton Park Presbyterian Ministries Inc.** — to purchase tables to be used for the Children’s Summer Camp program.

**The Freedom Center Inc.** — to update the office and therapy room.

**Friends of Clifty Falls State Park** — to support the removal of invasive plant species from Clifty Falls State Park.

**Friends of the Ohio Theatre** — to support the renovation of the theater’s lobby area.

**Graceworks Lutheran Housing/Hope Community** — to purchase a solar security camera system for the housing campus.

**Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Indiana** — to support work being completed in Jefferson County.

**Hoosier Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America** — to support

the creation of afterschool STEM programming for local scouts.

**Jefferson County Health Initiative/Southeastern Medical Alliance** — to support capital campaign planning for a new YMCA/recreational center in Jefferson County.

**Jefferson County Public Library** — to support the Library Your Way strategic plan.

**Jefferson County Veterans Council** — to support public screenings of the short film “Anodynus.”

**LifeTime Resources** — to purchase a new Catch-A-Ride vehicle for Jefferson County.

**Madison Area Arts Alliance** — to support the installation of the River’s Edge public art sculpture at the Milton-Madison Bridge gateway.

**Madison Consolidated High School** — to support the creation of “The Renaissance Comes Alive!” foreign language curriculum.

**Madison Performing Arts Foundation** — to support the Mertz Trio concert.

**Madison Riverfront Development Corporation** — to support Phase 3 of the Super Overlook project.

**Prince of Peace Catholic Schools** — to upgrade the elementary school playground area.

**RSVP OF Jefferson County** — to support a pilot program to provide transportation to out-of-town medical appointments for senior citizens.

**Southwestern Jefferson County School Corporation** — to support the installation of a scoreboard in the newly renovated pool area at Southwestern High School.

**Springdale Cemetery Association** — to purchase a new mower for continued care and maintenance of the historic cemetery.

**Town of Hanover** — to support basketball court renovations at Fireman’s Park.

# Hanover College offers conversation on election Oct. 17

**BY THE COURIER STAFF**

Noted political pundits and television news contributors Richard Lowry and Bakari Sellers, joined by award-winning author and journalist Jonathan Rauch, will offer their insights into the 2024 U.S. presidential election during a special presentation of the Hanover Enrichment Series at Hanover Col-

lege. Lowry, Sellers and Rauch will participate in “The 2024 Presidential Election: A Unique Chapter in American History,” a moderated conversation, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 17, in Fitzgibbon Recital Hall, Lynn Center for Fine Arts. The event is open to the public and free of charge. Registration is required to monitor available seat-

ing. Follow the link <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/hanover-college/1332355> for details.

Lowry is editor-in-chief of National Review, a conservative news and opinion magazine. Sellers is a political commentator who is a former South Carolina state legislator. Rauch, who delivered a address at Hanover last fall,

will serve as moderator. He is a contributing writer to The Atlantic and the author of numerous books and articles about government, public policy and culture.

The Hanover Enrichment Series, presented by Tricia and Will Hagenah, has brought a wide variety of entertainment and thought-provoking speakers to the

local community for more than 70 years. “The 2024 Presidential Election: A Unique Chapter in American History,” is supported by Building Bridges, a Council of Independent Colleges-supported campus initiative to foster respectful and empathetic dialogue and develop more responsible, engaged and effective citizenship.

# City rollout of new trash containers has been smooth

**BY BOB DEMAREE**

With door-to-door delivery of the city’s new trash containers during the last week of September, Mayor Bob Courtney reported at Monday’s Board of Public Works and Safety meeting that “the rollout went fairly smoothly.”

Chris Hale, the city’s new director of Streets, Facilities and Solid Waste, said that out of more than 5,000 trash containers less than 100 people have wanted to change their trash container or had questions about their trash.

“If you’re switching out a trash can or if you have an issue with it, we’re happy to take care that,” said Hale.

Board member Karl Eaglin told of a friend who requested a large trash can but then discovered it would not fit in his garage and needed a smaller size.

For those who do want to trade for a different size container, Hale encouraged them to “please try not to use it. Then it’s still clean it, and we can pass along to someone else.”

Hale noted each trash can has an identifying number, and encourage each home owner to take a picture of that as proof that it is theirs. “We have a registry that matches to those so we can identify the trash cans,” he said. “The number is molded into the can so that it won’t come off, even if someone paints over it.”

Courtney said residents should not alter the condition or deface the contain-

er by spray painting your address because that is not needed since the container has the serial number. “It’s a safety effort, it’s helping us organize how trash is being collected. It’s also beautification because we’re also getting trash off the streets, and so let’s not trash up our trash containers,” he said.

Robert Lofton, who resides on Hendricks Street, concerned about the handling of his trash can, inquired if the warranty on the trash cans covers misuse.

“Last week the first time it was picked up, instead of using the wheels to transport to the truck, they were dragging the trash cans to the truck,” he said.

“My old trash cans have got holes on the bottom from them doing the same thing even though they had wheels on them,” Lofton said. “I would put the handle to the side of the street where they can grab a hold of it directly” but instead they would drag it. “If the bottom gets worn out (on the new trash can), am I going to have to buy that new trash can?”

“Since you brought that to our attention, we can correct that right now and use wheels because the goal is to make this more safe for our workers, and that’s why we’re investing so many hundreds of thousands of dollars in this initiative, so this weight can be wheeled over and tipped rather than the manual work that is required,”

Courtney said. He encouraged Lofton to report it again if he sees cans being dragged. “If you see that problem occurring, please let us know because we want to correct that, too.”

Courtney encouraged town residents to call the city at 812-265-8300 for any assistance related to the new trash cans. “This was a major logistical feat, it’s gone very smoothly but we need your eyes and ears if there is a container size in particular that you’re having difficulty with.”

He also said trash containers should not be left on the sidewalk. “Many containers have been deployed, still sitting on the sidewalk in front of the residence or place of business. We have an ordinance that deals with that,” Courtney said. “Your containers should only be out in front of the property after 6 p.m. the night before your trash is collected.”

“Your container should not permanently reside on the sidewalk. If you have a new container, please move it to the trash collection point.”

Courtney also emphasized that all trash should be stored inside the container and not on its top. Trash outside the container will not be removed. “I have already noticed where trash was sitting on top of the new container. Our goal here is safety, our sanitation our solid waste workers not being manually carrying your trash, it’s not safe” and we don’t

want workers going “to the hospital for a variety of reasons. All trash should be inside the container which is why you were offered three container sizes to help you manage your household consumption and your disposal of trash.”

He said those wanting to discard their old container, should please turn it upside down on pickup day and the city will take it.

He noted the city “will

be deploying stickers to those who are using their own containers that were already trash tipper compatible.”

Even though Hale is involved in implementation of the rollout of the new trash containers, he wasn’t part of the planning and gives credit to Tony Sorrells, the city’s street superintendent who is retiring Oct. 18, and Gina Center-Dean, the street department administrator, for the work that has been done so far.

“We’ll be continuing to phase this in, and getting all the wrinkles smoothed out over time,” Courtney said, adding that for the most part, he has received good feedback. “A lot of people are expressing it’s like a Christmas present early” to get their new trash cans. “They’re very excited.”

## Switzerland Homecoming

Cooper Todd (left) and Avy Burkholder (right) were crowned Switzerland County’s Homecoming King and Queen at Friday’s football win over South Decatur.

Stephanie Hellmann



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Members of the Ohio Valley chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society Inc. leave the dock at the Lighthouse Restaurant in Madison Friday on their Ohio River trip from Vevay to Louisville. The participating boats ranged from 1938 to early 1970s models.



Bob Demaree

Vintage wooden boats from the Ohio Valley chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society Inc. leave the dock at the Lighthouse Restaurant in Madison and proceed down the Ohio River toward Louisville on Friday.

# Antique boats make stops in Madison

BY BOB DEMAREE

A dozen antique wooden boats with 36 passengers made a visit to Madison on Friday and again on Sunday as part of a three-day river trip by the Ohio Valley chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society Inc.

Boats participating on last weekend's trip from Vevay to Louisville ranged from 1938 to the early 1970s — all were wooded boats except for one.

"They were all wood boats until

the 1950s," said Dennis Ryan, Cincinnati, commodore of the fleet. "Fiberglass didn't come along until after World War II.

The wood boats is an era of beauty. Some of us still love the wood boats. It's about the passion for the old boats. It's all about the boats."

The Antique and Classic Boat Society Inc. was established in 1975 and is set to celebrate its 50th anniversary next year. The Society has 54 chapters across

North America and Europe and while most of the antique boats are wooden, the only requirement to join is the boat must be over 25 years old so many fiberglass and aluminum boats are eligible.

Ryan said the vast majority of the wooden boats were built through the early 1970s but there continues to some built. "There are about half a dozen wooden boat builders in North America that build a more modern wooden boat," he said.

Mike Lloyd, president of the Ohio Valley chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society Inc., said most of the chapter's boats "are pretty original so you can see what they were like" when they were built.

"We are stewards of these boats," Ryan noted.

"Without us taking care of them, they're gone. If you love the boat and you take care it, you're a steward. Somebody else will have my boat when I'm gone. Hopefully

ly they'll take care of it because that's what it's all about."

The Ohio Valley's trip last weekend began in Vevay and ended in Louisville and included two stops in Madison — one on the trip to Louisville for lunch and one on the way back to Vevay.

"We like coming here," said Ryan, noting most of the chapter's trips are about eight hours with stops along the way.

"We do river trips," said Ryan. "We love the river."

# Phillips named County Highway Superintendent of Year

BY BOB DEMAREE

A rare honor for Jefferson County was given to County Highway Superintendent Bobby Phillips recently when he was named the Indiana Association of Indiana Counties (IAIC) Highway Superintendent of the Year at the organization's annual conference.

Phillips has been County Highway Superintendent for nearly nine years and worked 27 years for the county highway department before recently resigning for a position at FPBH Inc., a civil engi-

neering, environmental, surveying, planning and inspecting firm located in North Vernon, Seymour and New Castle. Phillips' last day with the county is Friday, Oct. 18.

"I've known a lot of highway superintendents around the state and I've worked with a lot of them. There are a lot of them that are very deserving of that award. For me to receive this award is a very nice honor," said Phillips.

County Commissioner David Bramer noted that Phillips is a worthy recipi-

ent of the recognition.

"Bobby has been a great partner and big part of Jefferson County's progress in his role as highway superintendent. He has focused on identifying ways to maintain the road infrastructure of the county and has investigated a wide range of options to improve the roads and increase their life with the investments we make," Bramer said.

"He has developed a great deal of experience and expertise in the technology of roads and their maintenance. He truly deserves this recognition."

It's the first time in more than a decade that

Jefferson County has been honored by the IAIC. In 2012, Jefferson County received the Achievement Award to Commissioners Julie Berry, Mark Cash and Tom Pietrykowski. The award recognized the county for its response to the Courthouse fire in May 2009.

The Courthouse was

rededicated in August 2011, while making all final payments to contractors and companies overseeing the rebuilding.

In 2011, Berry was named Commissioner of the Year. In 2007, James Olson was named Engineer of the Year.

Elizabeth Mallers, director of communications for

the Association of Indiana Counties, said the organization's records for the awards go back to 1984. Electronic information on the awards is available through 2007, and Mallers said she would need to go through paper records to determine if Jefferson County had other prior winners.



Bobby Phillips

# Tucker, Norton Healthcare receive honors from Ivy Tech

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Brandon Tucker was honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award for Ivy Tech Community College Madison at the 2024 Distinguished Alumni and Benefactor Awards in Indianapolis.

Tucker, director of Jefferson County 911, earned an associate degree in criminal justice from Ivy Tech Madison, and has supported his community in many ways during seven years of dispatch experience.

The Distinguished Alumni Award celebrates Ivy Tech graduates who have made a lasting impact on their communities and on Ivy Tech through their exceptional professional, philanthropic or volunteer achievements.

Ivy Tech Madison also recognized Norton Healthcare with the Benefactor Award, which applauds the generosity of donors and volunteers — including individuals, corporations and foundations — whose support enables the Ivy Tech Foundation to bridge financial gaps that promote the academic success and career readiness of Ivy Tech students.

Norton Healthcare contributed much needed funding for a nursing expansion at the Ivy Tech Madison campus.



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Brandon Tucker, director of the Jefferson County 911 dispatch, was honored by Ivy Tech Community College Madison as its Distinguished Alumni Award winner.

With help from Norton Healthcare, Ivy Tech Madison was able to expand its nursing simulation lab, add student lockers and glass walls to enhance classroom visibility.

"Our distinguished alumni and benefactors embody Ivy Tech's mission to transform lives and strengthen Indiana's economy.

"Through their time, talent, treasure, and testimony, individuals honored this year made significant contributions to the betterment of lives and their communities," said Dr. Sue Ellspermann, president, Ivy Tech.

"Ivy Tech's connection

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to its alumni and partners are the strongest reflection of the quality of service to our community.

"We are so thankful for how Brandon, Norton Healthcare, and Norton King's Daughters' Hospital serve Jefferson County," said Dr. Amanda Harsin, chancellor, Ivy Tech Madison.

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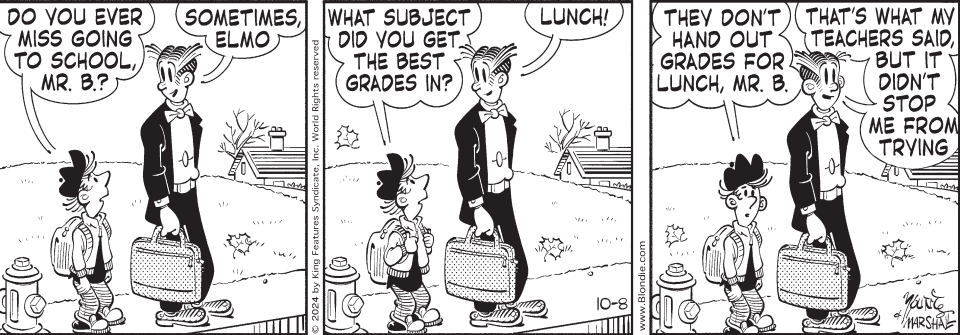
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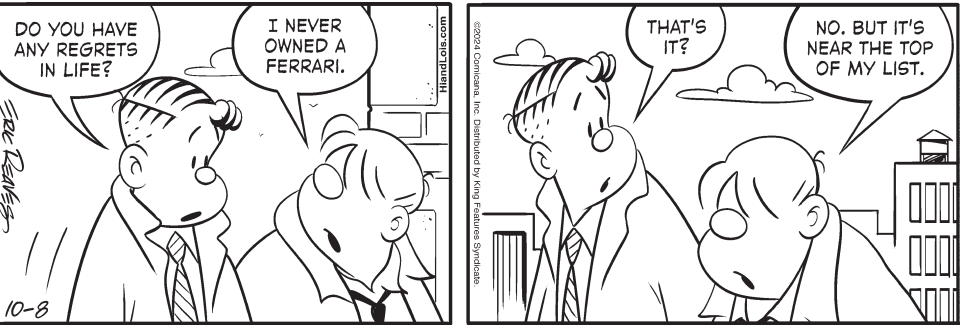
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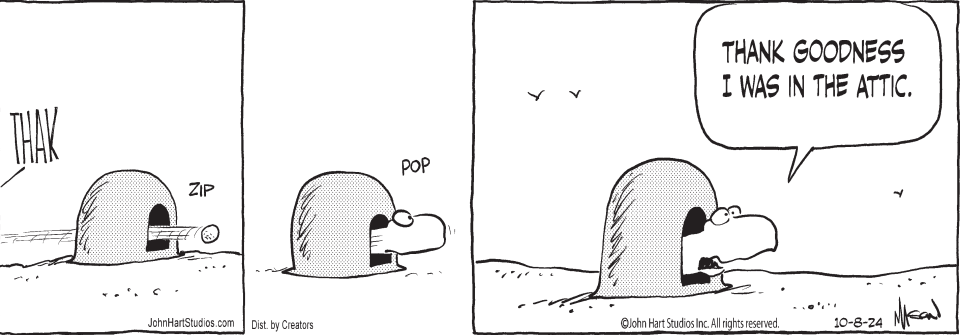
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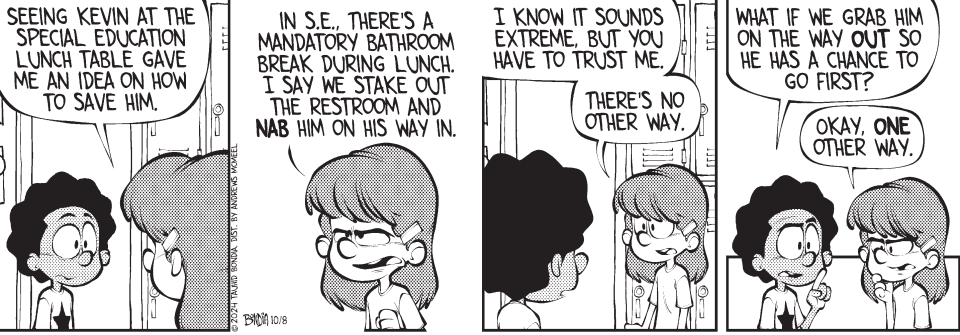
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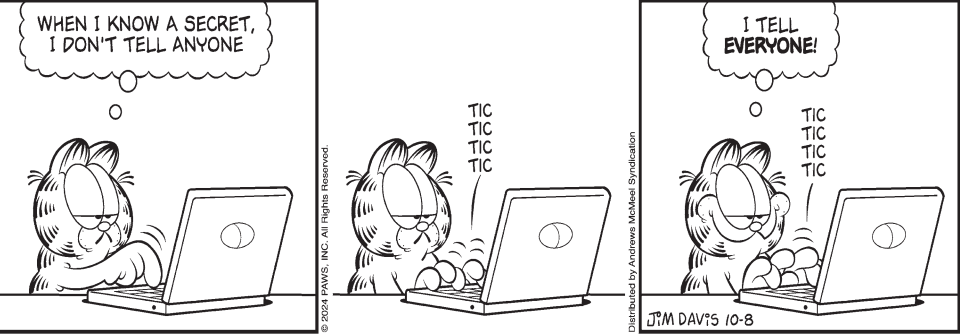
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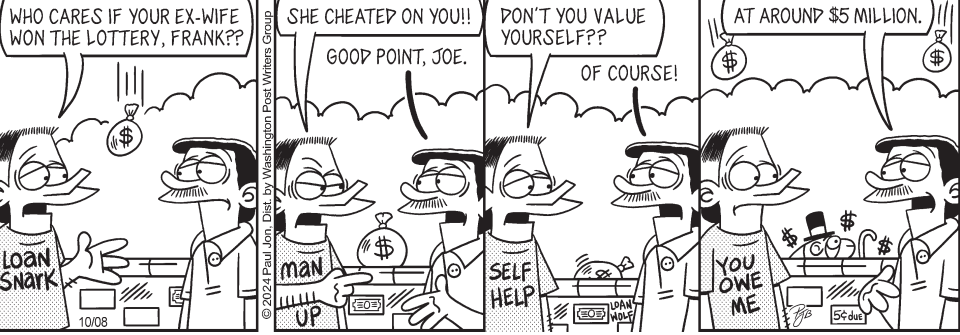
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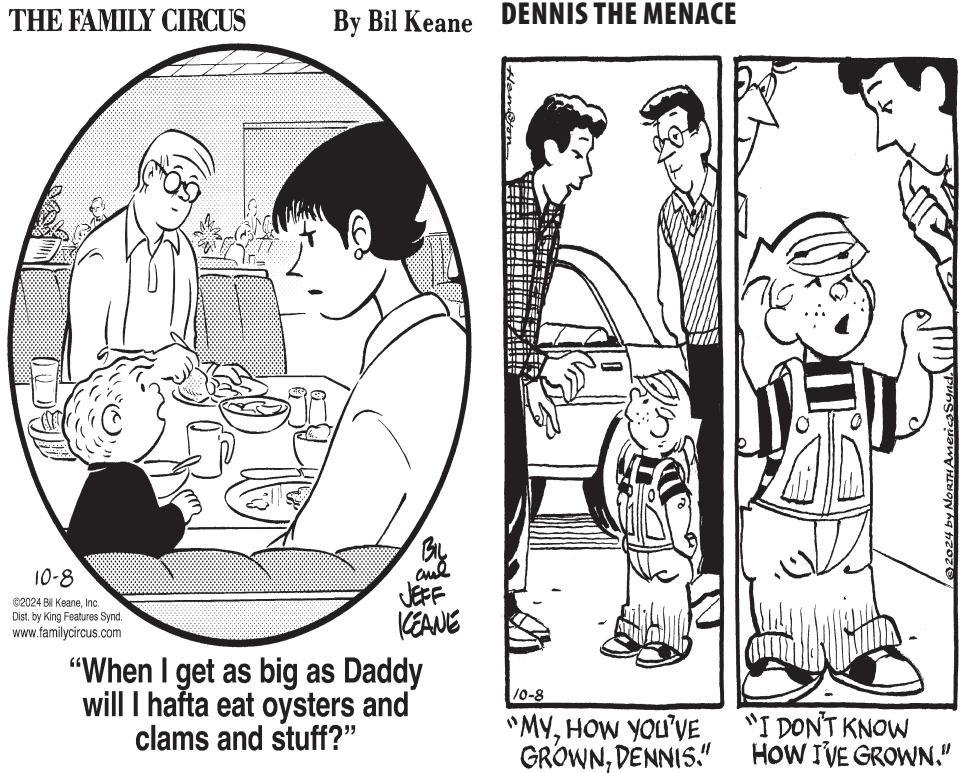
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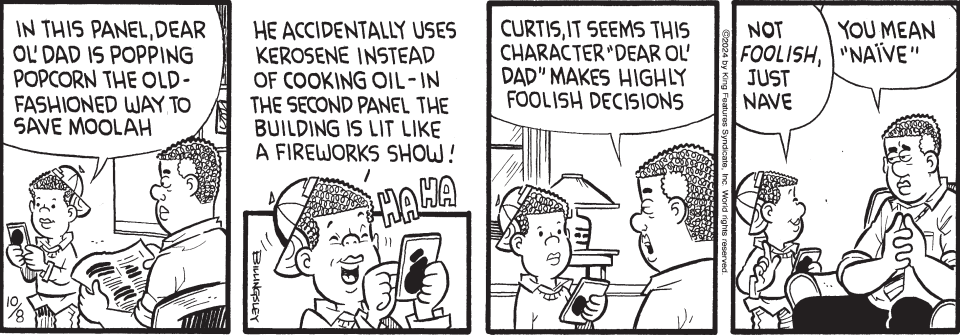
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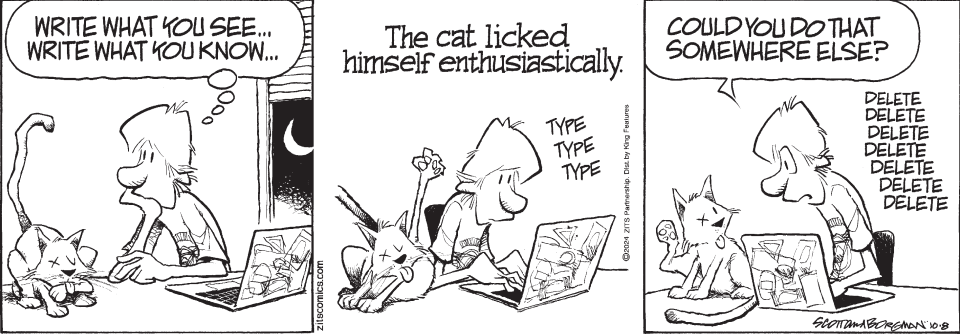
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TODAY IN HISTORY

**Today in history:**  
On Oct. 8, 1871, the Great Chicago Fire began; more than 300 people died and more than 17,000 structures were destroyed during the three-day blaze.

**Also on this date:**  
**In 1956,** Don Larsen pitched the only perfect game in a World Series as the New York Yankees beat the Brooklyn Dodgers in Game 5, 2-0.

**In 1997,** scientists reported the Mars Pathfinder had yielded what could be the strongest evidence yet that Mars might once have been hospitable to life.

**In 2002,** a federal judge approved President George W. Bush's request to reopen West Coast ports, ending a 10-day labor lockout that was costing the U.S. economy an estimated \$1 billion to \$2 billion a day.

**In 2005,** a magnitude 7.6 earthquake on the Pakistan-India border killed an estimated 86,000 people.

**In 2016,** Donald Trump vowed to continue his campaign after many Republicans called on him to abandon his presidential bid in the wake of the release of a 2005 video in which he made lewd remarks about women and appeared to condone sexual assault.

**In 2020,** authorities in Michigan said six men had been charged with conspiring to kidnap Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer in reaction to what they viewed as her "uncontrolled power."

**In 2022,** an explosion caused the partial collapse of a bridge linking the Crimean Peninsula with Russia, damaging an important supply artery for the Kremlin's war effort in southern Ukraine.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor Paul Hogan is 85. Civil rights activist Rev. Jesse Jackson is 83. Comedian Chevy Chase is 81. Author R.L. Stine is 81. Actor Sigourney Weaver is 75. Musician Robert "Kool" Bell (Kool & the Gang) is 74. Producer-director Edward Zwick is 72. NASCAR Hall of Famer Bill Elliott is 69. Comedian Darrell Hammond is 69. Actor Kim Wayans is 63. Gospel singer CeCe Winans is 60. Olympic gold medal swimmer Matt Biondi is 59. Actor Karyn Parsons is 58. Singer-producer Teddy Riley is 57. Actor Matt Damon is 54. Actor-TV host Nick Cannon is 44. Singer-songwriter Bruno Mars is 39. Actor Angus T. Jones is 31. Actor-singer Bella Thorne is 27.



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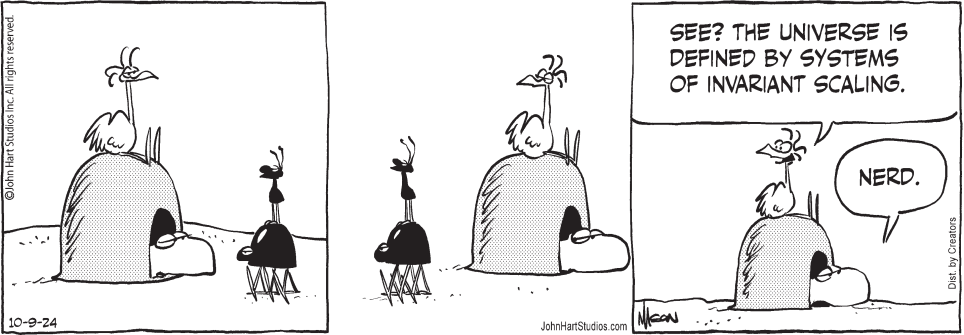
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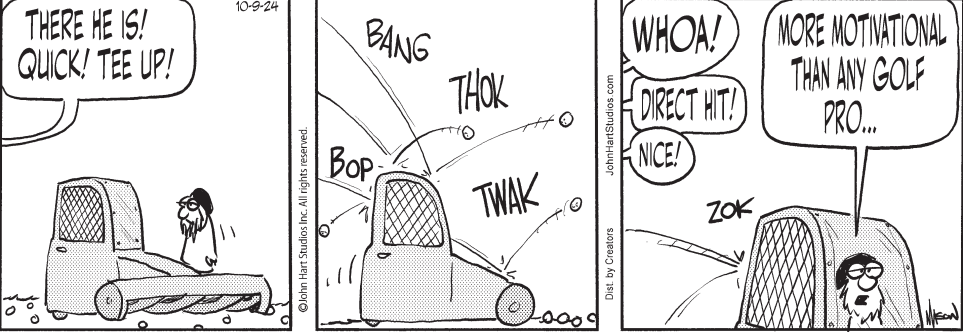
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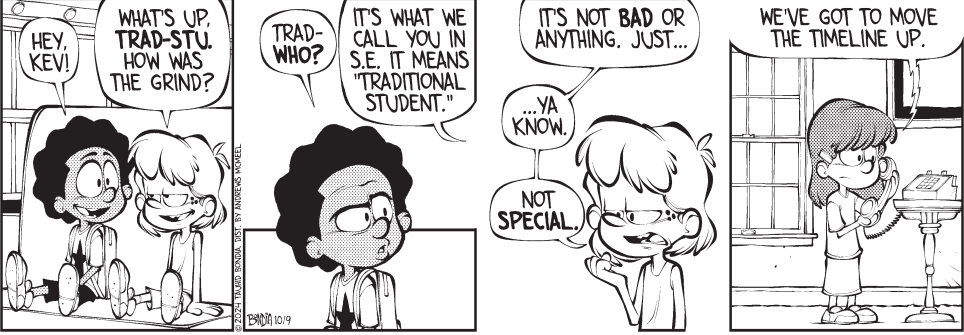
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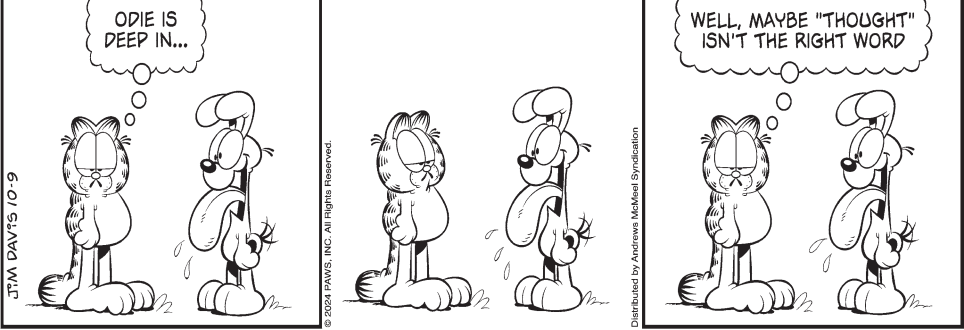
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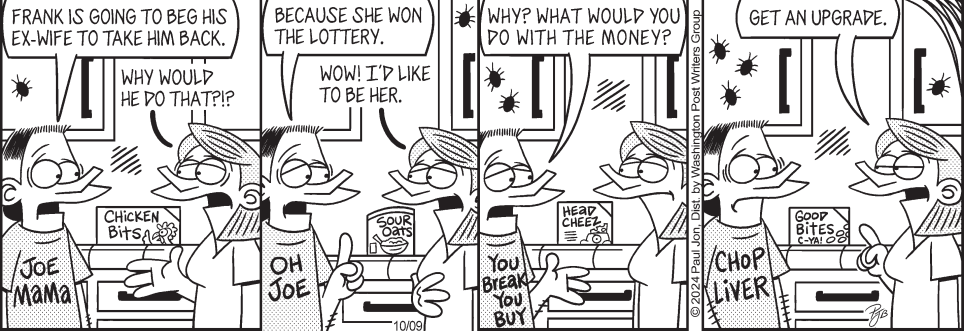
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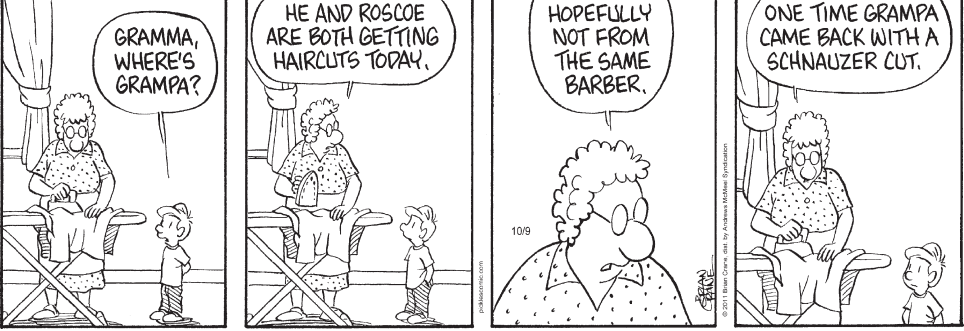
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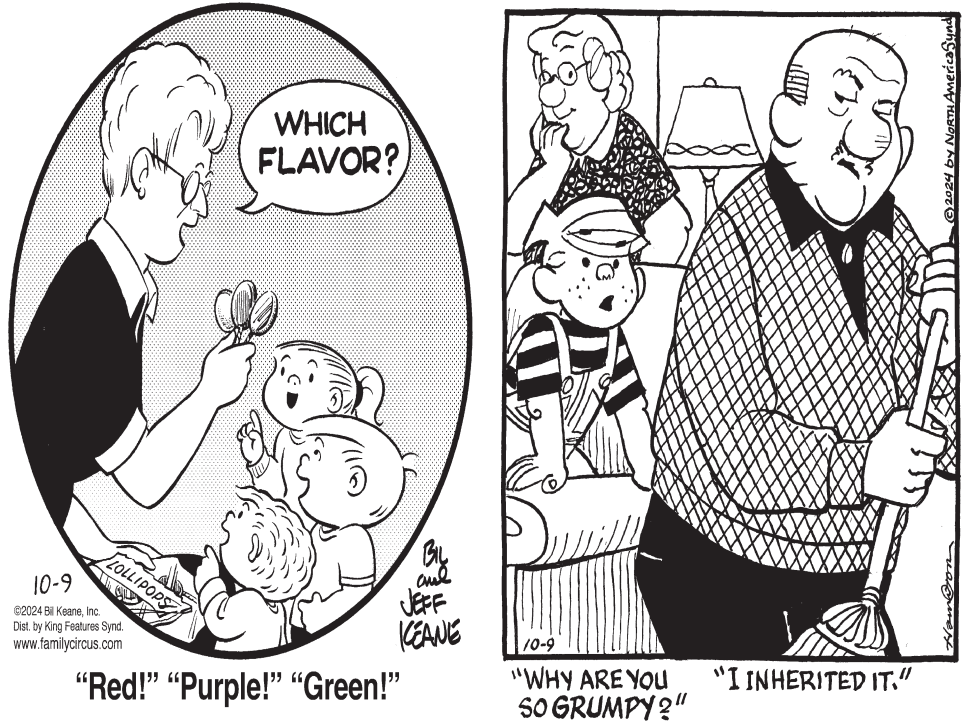


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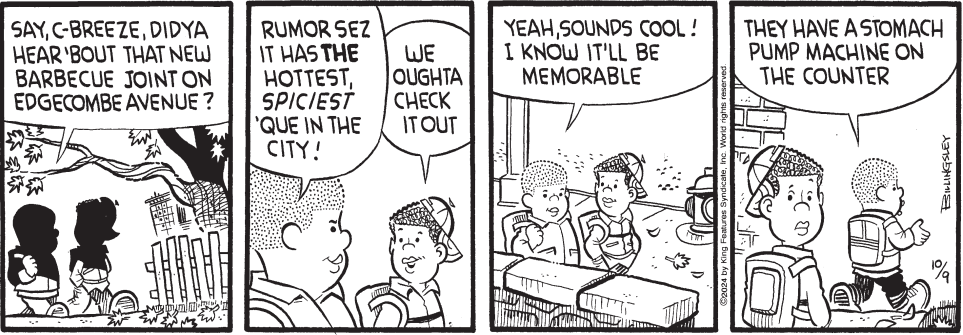
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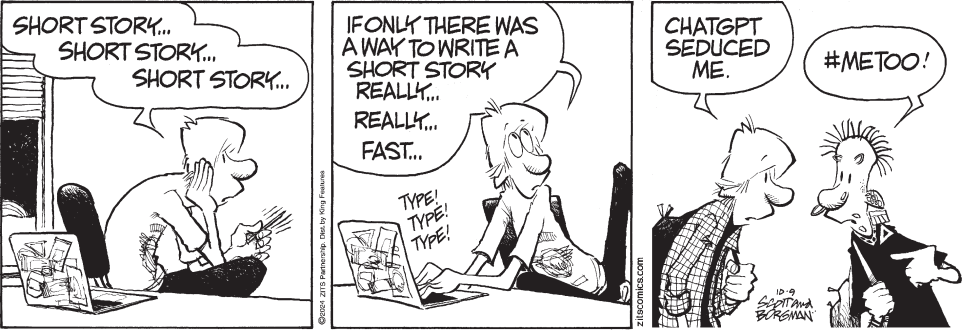
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TODAY IN HISTORY

**Today in history:**  
On Oct. 9, 2009, President Barack Obama won the Nobel Peace Prize for what the Norwegian Nobel Committee called “his extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples.”  
**Also on this date:**  
**In 1910**, a coal dust explosion at the Starkville Mine in Colorado left 56 miners dead.  
**In 1962**, Uganda won autonomy from British rule.  
**In 1963**, a mega-tsunami triggered by a landslide at Vajont Dam in northern Italy destroyed villages and caused approximately 2,000 deaths.  
**In 1967**, Marxist revolutionary guerrilla leader Che Guevara, 39, was executed by the Bolivian army a day after his capture.  
**In 1985**, Strawberry Fields in New York’s Central Park, a memorial to former Beatle John Lennon, was dedicated.  
**In 2010**, a drill broke through into an underground chamber where 33 Chilean miners had been trapped for more than two months.  
**In 2012**, former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky was sentenced in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, to 30 to 60 years in prison following his conviction on 45 counts of sexual abuse of boys.  
**Today’s Birthdays:**  
Musician Nona Hendryx is 80. Musician Jackson Browne is 76. Actor Robert Wuhl is 73. TV personality Sharon Osbourne is 72. Actor Tony Shalhoub is 71. Actor Scott Bakula is 70. Actor-TV host John O’Hurley is 70. Football Hall of Famer Mike Singletary is 66. Jazz musician Kenny Garrett is 64. Film director Guillermo del Toro is 60. Former British Prime Minister David Cameron is 58. Singer P.J. Harvey is 55. Film director Steve McQueen (“12 Years a Slave”) is 55. Golf Hall of Famer Annika Sorenstam is 54. Musician Sean Lennon is 49. Actor Brandon Routh is 45. Author-TV presenter Marie Kondo is 40. Comedian Melissa Villaseñor is 37. Actor Tyler James Williams is 32. NFL tight end George Kittle is 31. Country singer Scotty McCreery (TV: “American Idol”) is 31. Model Bella Hadid is 28. Actor Jharrel Jerome is 27. Tennis player Ben Shelton is 22.



Tri Kappa Tour of Homes



Bob Demaree

Sally Henderson-Chalian (center) gives patrons at last weekend’s Tri Kappa Society Tour of Homes an introduction to the refurbished building at 206-208 East Main Street. The Second Empire Style building with a mansard roof is being rejuvenated, thanks to the restoration efforts of owners Brantley and Katie Beck of Louisville. Visitors had the opportunity to visit a two-story apartment in the building during the tour.



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Phil and Karen LeGrand (left), of Madison, listen to information from tour guide Trish Greenleaf about the two-story apartment above the former Oscar C. Bear and Son Jewelers retail space during Saturday’s Tri Kappa Society Tour of Homes. It was one of seven locations on last weekend’s tour.

Hurricane Milton is a Category 5; Florida orders evacuations

**BY HAVEN DALEY AND MIKE SCHNEIDER**  
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BELLEAIR BEACH, Fla. — Florida’s storm-battered Gulf Coast raced against a Category 5 hurricane Monday as workers sprinted to pick up heaps of appliances and other street debris left over from Helene two weeks ago and highways were clogged with people fleeing ahead of the storm. The center of Hurricane Milton could come ashore Wednesday in the Tampa Bay region, which has not endured a direct hit by a major hurricane in more than a century. Scientists expect the system to weaken slightly before

landfall, though it could retain hurricane strength as it churns across central Florida toward the Atlantic Ocean. That would largely spare other states ravaged by Helene, which killed at least 230 people on its path from Florida to the Appalachian Mountains. “This is the real deal here with Milton,” Tampa Mayor Jane Castor told a news conference. “If you want to take on Mother Nature, she wins 100% of the time.” Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis said Monday that it was imperative that debris from Helene be cleared ahead of Milton’s arrival so the pieces cannot

become projectiles. As evacuation orders were issued, forecasters warned of a possible 8- to 12-foot storm surge (2.4 to 3.6 meters) in Tampa Bay and widespread flooding from 5 to 10 inches (13 to 25 centimeters) of rain in mainland Florida and the Keys. As much as 15 inches (38 centimeters) could fall in places. The Tampa metro area has a population of more than 3.3 million people. “It’s a huge population. It’s very exposed, very inexperienced, and that’s a losing proposition,” Massachusetts Institute of Technology meteorology professor Kerry Emanuel

said. “I always thought Tampa would be the city to worry about most.” Much of Florida’s west coast was under hurricane and storm surge watches. A hurricane warning was issued for parts of Mexico’s Yucatan state, which expected to get sideswiped. Milton intensified quickly Monday over the eastern Gulf of Mexico. It had maximum sustained winds of 175 mph (282 kph), the National Hurricane Center said. The storm’s center was about 700 miles (1,126 kilometers) southwest of Tampa at midday, moving east-southeast at 9 mph (15 kph).

The Tampa Bay area is still rebounding from Helene and its powerful surge. Twelve people died there, with the worst damage along a string of barrier islands from St. Petersburg to Clearwater. In the race to clear away

the aftermath from Helene, more than 300 vehicles gathered debris Sunday but encountered a locked landfill gate when they tried to drop it off. State troopers used a rope tied to a pickup truck and busted it open, DeSantis said.

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Madison goes toe-to-toe with Brownstown in 42-14 loss

**BY DAVID CAMPBELL**  
BROWNSTOWN — It wasn't a win, but it's doubtful anybody in a Madison uniform will be too upset with the way the Cubs played on Friday night. Madison battled Class 2A No. 1 Brownstown on equal footing for 48 minutes before falling 42-14 on the Braves' senior night. Brownstown came into the game rolling opponents by an average of 48-6 but had to work for everything to escape with the win against the upset-minded Cubs. "I'm ecstatic. The score doesn't indicate what went on in the trenches. Our sideline was hopping and they fought to the

end," Madison coach Charles Benintende said. "That was just great. We knew that this three games that we're playing was going to either sink us or make us better, and I feel that it definitely is making us better. And I think that the our goals are still intact." The first two sequences of the game seemed to foreshadowed a Brownstown blowout. After intercepting Madison on the Cubs' first series of the game, the Braves' Trevor Branaman ripped off a 67-yard touchdown run to give his team a 7-0 lead less than three minutes into the game. The next Brownstown offensive series was arguably Madi-

son's worst of the game, and it had nothing to do with the scoreboard. The Cubs' Eli Stewart severely dislocated his left ankle and was taken from the field in an ambulance. Stewart waved to the crowd as he was being loaded in the ambulance for the trip to Schneck Medical Center in Seymour. Brownstown (7-0) took advantage of the reeling Cubs to march right down the field, scoring on a 2-yard run by Gregory Hutcheson to go ahead 14-0 with 2:07 left in the opening quarter. Madison had two choices after the injury, either rally for its stricken teammate or give up.

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David Campbell  
Madison's Jake Dyer (1) reaches for the pass as Brownstown's Roshawn Hehman (3) trails the play during Friday's game at Brownstown.



David Campbell  
Southwestern's Braden Helton returns a shot during his No. 1 singles match in the IHSAA Sectional at Scottsburg on Thursday. Helton won the match and will advance to the individual sectional this week.

Helton advances as Southwestern falls in tennis sectional finals

**BY THE COURIER STAFF**  
Southwestern's 2024 tennis season came to an end but not without putting up a fight in a 4-1 loss to Scottsburg in the IHSAA Tennis Sectional Championship Thursday in Scottsburg. Senior Braden Helton won his match 6-1, 6-1 over Scotts-

burg's Jonah Copple at No. 1 singles to earn a berth to the individual sectional tournament this week. Southwestern lost the other four matches but both doubles matches went to three sets, the difference between a team win and a loss.

At No. 1 doubles, Talon Wynn and Brady Cook won the first set but then fell 6-7, 7-6, 6-2 to Noah Bagwell and Garrett McClellan. In No. 2 doubles, Luke Morrow and Colton Deputy battled Sammy Craig and Jace Luttrell down to the wire before falling 4-6, 6-0, 7-5.

In singles, Braxton Lewis battled through injury before falling 7-6, 6-3 to Erwan Le Lannic at No. 2 and Max Joseph lost 6-0, 6-2 to Jarin Luttrell at No. 3. Helton will play in the individual sectional at Columbus North on Tuesday. Pairings have yet to be announced.

Pairings for IHSAA Volleyball tournament set

**BY THE COURIER STAFF**  
The pairings for the IHSAA Volleyball Sectional Tournaments were announced on Sunday afternoon. Madison, Southwestern and Switzerland County will each play in the opening round of their respective tournaments which begin on Thursday, Oct. 17. Pairings are:

**CLASS 3A SECTIONAL 30 at Silver Creek**

**Thursday, Oct. 17**  
Match 1 — Corydon vs. Madison, 6 p.m.  
Match 2 — North Harrison vs. Scottsburg, 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Oct. 19**  
Match 3 — Charlestown vs. Winner Match 1, 11 a.m.  
Match 4 — Silver Creek vs. Winner Match 2, 12:30 p.m.  
Championship — Winner Match 3 vs. Winner Match 4, 6 p.m.

**CLASS 2A SECTIONAL 45 at Brownstown**

**Thursday, Oct. 17**  
Match 1 — Switzerland Co. vs. Brown Co., 6 p.m.  
Match 2 — Austin vs. Southwestern, 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Oct. 19**  
Match 3 — Brownstown vs. Winner Match 1, 11 a.m.  
Match 4 — South Ripley vs. Winner Match 2, 12:30 p.m.  
Championship — Winner Match 3 vs. Winner Match 4, 6 p.m.

CALENDAR

**Tuesday, Oct. 8 SOCCER**

Carroll Co. girls vs. Owen Co., KHSAA 31st District Tournament at Owen Co., 6 p.m.  
Southwestern girls vs. Providence, IHSAA Class A Sectional at Providence, 6 p.m.  
Switzerland Co. girls vs. Oldenburg, IHSAA Class A Sectional at Rising Sun, 6 p.m.

**TENNIS**

Southwestern's Braden Helton, IHSAA Individual Sectional at Columbus North, TBA

**VOLLEYBALL**

Madison hosts Columbus East, 7 p.m.  
Southwestern hosts Switzerland Co., 7 p.m.  
Trimble Co. hosts Shelby Co., 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, Oct. 9 SOCCER**

Hanover men hosts Rose-Hulman, 3:30 p.m.  
Madison/Franklin Co. boys vs. Switzerland Co./Batesville, IHSAA Class 2A Sectional at South Dearborn, 5 p.m.  
Shawe/Austin boys vs. Southwestern (Shelby) vs. Hauser, IHSAA Class A Sectional at Southwestern (Shelby), 5 p.m.  
Shawe girls vs. Trinity Lutheran, IHSAA Class A Sectional at Providence, 5 p.m.  
Hanover women at Rose-Hulman, 7 p.m.  
Southwestern boys vs. Trinity Lutheran, IHSAA Class A Sectional at Southwestern (Shelby), 7 p.m.

**Thursday, Oct. 10 FOOTBALL**

Trimble Co. at Ludlow, 7 p.m.

**SOCCER**

Southwestern/Providence girls vs. Austin, IHSAA Class A Sectional at Providence, 5 p.m.  
Carroll Co. boys vs. Henry Co./Gallatin Co., KHSAA 31st District Tournament Championship at Owen Co., 6 p.m.  
Madison girls vs. Charlestown, IHSAA Class 2A Sectional at Madison, 7 p.m.  
Shawe/Trinity Lutheran girls vs. Christian Academy/Salem, IHSAA Class A Sectional at Providence, 7 p.m.  
Switzerland Co./Oldenburg girls vs. Milan, IHSAA Class A Sectional at Rising Sun, 7 p.m.  
Carroll Co./Owen Co. girls vs. Henry Co./Gallatin Co., KHSAA 31st District Championship at Owen Co., 7:30 p.m.

**VOLLEYBALL**

Switzerland Co. at Milan, 6:30 p.m.  
Southwestern at Henryville, 7 p.m.  
Trimble Co. at Cornerstone, 7 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 11 FOOTBALL**

Madison hosts Bedford North Lawrence, 7 p.m.  
Switzerland Co. hosts Southside HomeSchool, 7 p.m.  
Carroll Co. hosts Walton-Verona, 7:30 p.m.  
Trimble Co. at Ludlow, 7:30 p.m.

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Switzerland County's Matt Markee (4) and Michael Young (23) tackle South Decatur's Corbin Johnson (2) during the Pacers' win on Friday.

# Injured Pacers still have more than enough to rout South Decatur

**BY ADAM PIETRYKOWSKI**

Next man up. It's a popular saying among football players and coaches, but often it is more of a wish than a reality when it comes to on-field performance.

But for the Switzerland County Pacers it was a reality on Friday night, as the Pacers routed the South Decatur Cougars 26-6 without their top two running backs and their starting quarterback available on Switzerland's homecoming.

Switzerland head coach Ryan Jesop was effusive in his praise for his players and his coaches after the game.

"Our assistant coaches have done an amazing job this year of making sure guys are getting good reps in practice, and really focusing on the details," Jesop said. "When we needed our guys today, they were ready, they executed, and that made the plays to win the game."

Complimentary football has been

the name of the game for Switzerland County this year and Friday was no exception. The Pacers were down the South Decatur defense with a punishing ground attack featuring Keaton Mosely working for tough yards up the middle and Michael Young breaking off long runs around the left side.

The first score of the evening came on one of those long runs as Young bolted 59 yards on a perfectly blocked counter play to give the Pacers a 6-0 lead at the end of the first quarter. The next time the Pacers had the ball they followed the same recipe, with Mosely finishing that drive with a 1-yard dive that extended the Pacer lead to 12-0 at halftime.

As has been the case all season, the Pacer defense, coordinated by Matt Longville, set the tone with big hits and sound tackling. From the first play to the last, the Pacers were relentless in their pursuit of the football.

So dominant was the Pacer defense that they even got in on the scoring when Ethan Weaver made a sack for a safety early in the second half, extending the lead to 14-0. After another stop, the Pacer offense, coordinated by Joe Spillman, mixed it up and starting linebacker Hunter Smith powered a run in from 4 yards out to extend the lead to 20-0.

The final score of the night came in much the same way as the first when Michael Young turned a counter play to the left side into six more points and the Pacers were cruising 26-0.

South Decatur (3-3) pushed across a late score in the final seconds of the game for the final 26-6 margin, but the night belonged to the Pacer coaches and players and their "next man up" mantra.

Switzerland County, now 5-2, will host Southside Homeschool on Friday night.

# Carroll falls to Bracken County

**BY THE COURIER STAFF**

Carroll County football lost 42-14 to Bracken County on Friday night in Carrollton to remain winless on the season.

Quarterback Parker Mumphrey had a strong game, going 11-for-12 passing for 216 yards and two touchdowns. Hunter Dalton had two

receptions for 81 yards and a touchdown, Landon Supplee had three catches for 78 yards and a score and Karson Vaught had four catches for 48 yards.

Vaught also had nine tackles while Gregory Humphrey had two sacks.

Carroll, now 0-7 on the season, hosts Walton-Vernon on Friday.

# Rebels volleyball falls to Ripley

**BY THE COURIER STAFF**

Southwestern dropped a three-set loss to South Ripley in volleyball on Thursday.

The Rebels lost 25-18, 25-14, 25-15. No individual stats were available.

Southwestern, now 14-10 overall and 1-3 in the Ohio River Valley Conference, hosts Switzerland County on Monday and travels to Henryville on Thursday. The Rebels play in the Edinburgh Invitational on Saturday.

## GIRLS SOCCER ROUNDUP

# Shawe battles Switzerland in 2-0 loss

**BY THE COURIER STAFF**

Class A No. 14 Switzerland County eked out a 2-0 girls soccer win at Shawe on Thursday to clinch the Ohio River Valley Conference championship without a league loss.

Shawe gave the Pacers everything they could handle before Switzerland broke through for the win. The Pacers did not score until the 28th minute when Emma South found the net and then added an insurance goal midway through the second half on a goal by Alli McClellan.

Shawe goalie Odyssey Felix had 24 saves in the game while Switzerland keeper Paige Earls needed only one save for the clean sheet.

Shawe, now 10-4-2 overall, finishes 5-3-2 in ORVC play. The Hilltoppers will take on Trinity Lutheran in the opening round of the Class A Sectional at Providence on Wednesday. If the Hilltoppers win, they will play the winner between Christian Academy of Indiana and Salem

on Thursday.

Switzerland, now 12-2 overall and 10-0 ORVC, plays Class A No. 4 Oldenburg in the Class A Sectional opener at Rising Sun on Tuesday. The winner takes on Milan on Thursday.

## CARROLL BEATS LUDLOW, 2-1

Carroll County picked up a 2-1 win at Ludlow on Saturday in the Panthers' regular-season finale.

Carroll, now 9-7 on the season, plays Owen County on Tuesday in the 31st District Tournament at Owen County. The championship is on Thursday.

## SOUTHWESTERN FALLS TO RIPLEY

Southwestern girls soccer lost 6-0 at South Ripley on Thursday.

Southwestern, now 0-11-1 overall on the season and 0-8 in the Ohio River Valley Conference, faces Class A No. 3 Providence in the sectional at Providence on Tuesday.

## BOYS SOCCER ROUNDUP

# Switzerland boys beat Rising Sun to win ORVC title

**BY THE COURIER STAFF**

Switzerland County boys soccer posted a 2-0 win over Rising Sun on Friday to clinch its second Ohio River Valley Conference championship in three years.

The Pacers, ranked 20th in Class 2A, got a goal early when Ashton Purvis found Cooper Todd for the only score of the first half. The second goal was harder to come but finally came late in the game when Purvis scored off an assist from Todd.

"We were excited about the championship but not with our play this evening," Switzerland coach David Todd said. "We are confident that we will show a better effort next week."

Switzerland ends the

regular season with an overall record of 14-2 and 11-1 ORVC. The Pacers faced Batesville Monday in the opening round of the Class 2A Sectional at South Dearborn. With a win, the Pacers will take on the winner between Madison and Franklin County on Wednesday.

## MADISON KNOCKS OFF ROCK CREEK

Madison boys soccer closed out the regular season with a 5-2 win over Rock Creek Academy on Thursday at home.

No individual stats were available.

Madison, now 11-3-1 overall, faced Franklin County on Monday in the opening round of the

Class 2A Sectional at South Dearborn. With a win, the Cubs will take on the winner between Switzerland County and Batesville on Wednesday.

## SOUTHWESTERN HAMMERS JCD, 7-1

Southwestern boys soccer closed out the regular season with a 7-1 win at home against Jac-Cen-Del on Thursday.

No individual stats were available.

Southwestern, now 8-7-1 overall and 7-5 in the Ohio River Valley Conference, faces Trinity Lutheran in the Class A Sectional semifinals at Southwestern (Shelby) on Wednesday. The championship is on Saturday.

# MADISON

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The Cubs chose the former and went to work.

Ripping off chunks of yardage, Madison got on the scoreboard in less than a minute, scoring on a 2-yard run by James Schafer. Schafer then added the 2-point conversion, and the Cubs trailed 14-8.

Madison (3-4) struck again midway through the second quarter and once again it was Schafer carrying the ball on a 1-yard run. The 2-pointer was stuffed, but the game was tied 14-14.

Brownstown scored right before halftime — on a 12-yard pass from Sheffer to Lane Pendleton — to go ahead 21-14 and the Braves took control of the game in the second half. Hutcheson scored on an 85-yard kick return to open the third quarter and Sheffer hit Branaman on a 22-yard scoring pass at the end of the third quarter to take a 35-14 lead.

Brownstown added one final score on a Hutcheson 4-yard run with three minutes to play.

Madison was unable to threaten the rest of the way and left with a disappointing — but inspiring — loss.

"Their heart is in it and they've bought into the system. They bought into what we're trying to accomplish," Benintende said. "I've said before me taking over the job, I wanted to



Madison senior Eli Stewart waves to the crowd as he is loaded into the ambulance. Stewart severely injured his ankle in the first quarter of Friday's game against Brownstown.

make sure I had them look at the future and not just the now.

"My whole thing when I took over the job was sectionals, sectionals, sectionals, and when nights like tonight hap-

pen, we still have something to look forward to," the coach added. "We broke the season up into quarters and this is the first game of the third quarter. So we still have two more

games that we can win the third quarter. We won the second quarter and it's still obtainable for us to win the third quarter."

Madison finished with 233

total yards with quarterback Matt McCarty completing 16-of-26 passes for 155 yards and Jake Dyer had two completions for 34 yards. Dyer also caught five passes for 99 yards and Schafer had 63 yards rushing.

Brownstown had 401 total yards, 235 of which came on the ground. Trevor Branan had 97 yards rushing and Easton Branan had six catches for 72 yards. Sheffer was 11-for-15 passing for 155 yards.

Madison returns home on Friday to take on former Hoosier Hills Conference foe Bedford North Lawrence (1-5) on Senior Night. The Stars were 41-14 winners over Jennings County on Friday night in North Vernon. Brownstown travels to Silver Creek (3-3).

## SWITZERLAND SHUTS DOWN COUGARS

Switzerland County shut down a South Decatur offense that had averaged 48 points a game over a recent three game win streak to post a 26-6 football win on Friday night in Vevay.

The Pacers jumped out to a 12-0 halftime lead, scored on a safety in the third quarter and tacked on 12 more points in the fourth to dominate start to finish. The Cougars' high scoring offense finally broke up the shutout in the fourth for the final margin.

South Dearborn dropped to 3-3 while Switzerland improved to 5-2. The Pacers visit Southside Homeschool Oct. 11.



**HANOVER ROUNDUP**

# Panthers fall to Mount St. Joseph on homecoming

**BY THE COURIER STAFF**

Mount St. Joseph football ruined Hanover's homecoming and Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference opener 49-41 on Saturday.

Hanover led 27-21 late in the second quarter on a 42-yard pass from Eian Roudebush to Austin Oppel, but Mount St. Joseph took a 28-27 lead into halftime on a touchdown with 11 seconds to go.

The visiting Lions added two touchdowns in the third quarter and one early in the fourth to push ahead 49-34. Hanover got a touchdown late but could not get closer.

Roudebush was 22-for-30 passing for 366 yards and four touchdowns with his brother Eric Roudebush catching five passes for 117 yards and a touchdown. Oppel had four catches for 69 yards and a touchdown.

Madison's Clint Hearne went 5-for-5 on extra points for Hanover while the Cubs' Noah Caswell posted four tackles.

Hanover, now 1-3 overall and 0-1 in the HCAC, hosts Rose-Hulman on Saturday.

**HANOVER WOMEN ROLL BLUFFTON**

Hanover women's soccer had no trouble with Bluffton, rolling to a 6-0 win at home on Saturday.

Kate Bettner scored two goals for the Panthers while Callen Johnson, Kaleigh Schirmer, Cam Horsley and Lily Clark scored one each. Beth Cook had two assists, and Johnson, Brooke Early and Bri Matis each had an assist.

Hanover, now 7-2 overall and 2-0 HCAC, travels to Rose-Hulman on Wednesday and heads to Manchester on Saturday.

**HANOVER MEN BEAT BLUFFTON**

Hanover men's soccer scored a 2-0 win over Bluffton at home on Saturday.

Patricio Campos and



Stephanie Hellmann  
**Hanover's Austin Oppel (5) glides in for a touchdown during the Panthers' loss to Mount St. Joseph on Saturday.**

Andrew Pavlisko each scored goals for the Panthers while Miles McMullen and Jacob Tyler each had an assist.

Hanover, now 3-5-2 overall and 1-1 in the HCAC, hosts Rose-Hulman on Wednesday and travels to Manchester on Saturday.

**VOLLEYBALL FALLS TO MANCHESTER**

Hanover volleyball lost a four-set decision at Manchester on Saturday.

The Panthers won the first set 25-18 but then lost the next three 25-22, 25-22, 25-18.

Abbey McCoy had 14 kills for Hanover, Madison Schicker had 15 digs, Jessie Stenger had six blocks and Megan Vogel had 21 assists.

Hanover, now 15-4 overall, falls to 0-1 in the HCAC. The Panthers host Berea on Saturday.

**HANOVER RUNS AT TERRE HAUTE**

Hanover's cross coun-

try teams competed in the NCAA Division III Twilight meet at Terre Haute on Friday.

Hanover's men scored 996 points to place 37th out of 46 teams while the women did not field a complete team.

Ethan Weston finished 34th in 25:19.70 to lead Hanover in the men's race. Conner Watson was 209th in 27:03.46, Colin Kistler was 271st in 27:38.40, Oxiel Castro Badillo was 299th in 27:55.50, Jacob Miller was 372nd in 29:25.70, R.J. Thralls was 388th in 30:51.52, Alex Paul was 392nd in 31:10.74, and Owen Rogers was 405th in 34:00.18.

Izzy Miklozek was 128th in 28:50.79 for the Hanover women, Lily Smith was 151st in 30:51.60 and Realynn Rufer was 158th in 31:51.55.

Hanover runs in the Jenna Strong Classic in Wilmington, Ohio on Oct. 18.

# Rebels, Hilltoppers run in night event at Terre Haute

**BY THE COURIER STAFF**

Madison, Southwestern and Shawe all competed in the Nike Cross Country Town Twilight Invitational at Terre Haute on Friday.

Southwestern freshman Savannah Nussbaum scored a fourth-place finish in 20:08.42 in the Red Division while teammate Tori Gammons was 14th in 20:53.23. Mikayla Nussbaum was 45th in 22:15.96, Chloe Sprayberry was 68th in 23:14.96, Riley Zellers was 113th in 25:00.18, Haylee Crawford was 116th in 25:08.52 and Sarah Schneider was 123rd in 25:30.0.

Shawe's Allison Knoebel placed 76th in 23:30.99.

In the boys race, Shawe's Cavaan Hambrick was 96th in 18:33.61, Matthew Vaughn was 228th in 21:57.12, Cal Cranney was 257th in 23:45.94, Victor Pacheco was 263rd in 24:31.85, and Luke Gardner was 273rd in 27:27.39.

Southwestern's Connor Johnson was 154th in 19:46.89, Thomas Gammons was 207th in 21:06.38, Landon Higgins, 218th, 21:36.40, Robert De Paz Gonzalez was 269th in 24:58.30, and Caleb Douglas was 275th in 28:16.66.

Southwestern's girls scored 206 points to place ninth out of 16 teams. Cathedral

won the race with 82 points and Greenwood's Lillian Rollings was the top individual in 18:20.51.

Shawe scored 701 points to place 24th and Southwestern had 714 points to finish 25th in the boys race. Mount Vernon won the event with 27 points and Mount Vernon's Ahmed Saleh won the race in 15:47.41.

Madison's boys competed in the Blue Division and placed 11th out of 39 teams with 370 points. Whiteland won the race with 204 points and Max Kirby of Peoria Notre Dame (Ill.) won the race in 15:47.10.

Will Laufer led Madison with a 24th place finish in 16:42.77, Travis Hoffman was 29th in 16:51.24, Sam Crouch was 70th in 17:25.57, Eli Storm was 94th in 17:37.10, Layne Laufer was 192nd in 18:14.57, Ben Crouch was 229th in 18:39.82, Mason Davis was 245th in 18:48.79 and Kayden McKay was 303rd in 19:48.39.

Southwestern and Shawe compete in the Ohio River Valley Conference Championships at Hanover College on Saturday. Madison's next meet will be the IHSAA Sectional at Hanover College on Saturday, Oct. 19.

# Yankees give Berti professional debut at 1st in ALDS Game 2, pick Schmidt to start

**BY RONALD BLUM**  
AP BASEBALL WRITER

NEW YORK — Forced to use backups following Anthony Rizzo's injury, the New York Yankees started Jon Berti at first base in his professional debut at the position in Game 2 of the AL Division Series against Kansas City on Monday night.

Yankees manager Aaron Boone also said he picked

Clarke Schmidt over Luis Gil to start Game 3 at Kansas City on Wednesday night.

Acquired from Miami just before opening day, Berti hit .273 in 25 games and 66 at-bats for the Yankees this year while playing second, third and left.

"He's looked outstanding over there," Boone said. "He's played a little bit in spring training over the

years, but just a really natural infielder and just a person that I have a lot of confidence in."

Berti's only spring training game at first was for the final three innings when Miami played Washington on March 25, 2021. He caught the throw from third baseman Joe Dunand on Jordy Mercer's eighth-inning grounder for his one putout.

**COURIERAREA SPORTS SHORTS**

- Cross country teams from Southwestern, Madison and Shawe competed in the Middle School Cross Country State Championships on Saturday.
- Southwestern's girls placed 28th with 760 points, Shawe was 35th with 870 and Madison was 42nd with 1,006.
- Results for Southwestern were: Harper Green, 11th, 11:17.08; Payton Shepherd, 97th, 12:45.84; Callie Farmer, 135th, 13:03.90; Kaylynn Warren, 244th, 13:54.51; Mallory Johnson, 338th, 14:42.76; Morgan Hill, 339th, 14:43.47; and Alyssa Ream, 384th, 15:33.07.
- Results for Shawe were: Lealynn Krulik, 46th, 12:06.14; Ari Alderman, 57th, 12:19.45; Holland Kring, 154th, 13:10.61; Elaina Badillo, 330th, 14:35.19; Kingsley Copeland, 363rd, 15:12.75; Olivia Hill, 373rd, 15:22.64; and Maci Couch, 408th, 17:12.76.
- Results for Madison: Kate Canida, 153rd, 13:10.42; AnnaBelle Laufer, 160th, 13:14.86; Ava Canida, 165th, 13:17.39; Magnolia Heitz, 261st, 14:00.88; Emily Geyman, 344th, 14:49.58; Madison Couch, 345th, 14:50.39; Blair Ralston, 351st, 14:58.84; Sally Geyman, 362nd, 15:09.43; Emme Goodknight, 399th, 15:58.16; and Anna Mahoney, 412th, 18:04.91.
- Madison scored 1,159 points and placed 49th in the boys race, Shawe was 53rd with 1,283 points and Southwestern

was 63rd with 1,526 points.

Results for Madison were: Declan Jenkins, 144th, 11:43.63; Luke Horvath, 192nd, 12:02.93; Luke Ferguson, 247th, 12:24.13; Alex Miller, 282nd, 12:40.01; Heshi Miller, 358th, 13:18.36; and Kiaan Mistry, 451st, 15:45.48

Results for Shawe were: Sam Gish, 11:21.99; Cohenn Hambrick, 153rd, 11:46.16; Martin Wilhelm, 313th, 12:52.41; John Paul Guetig, 346th, 13:11.07; and Gabe Krulik, 447th, 15:17.92

Results for Southwestern were: Paxton Garrett, 20th, 10:32.90; Jacob Adams, 275th, 12:38.57; Quinn Green, 282nd, 13:36.16; Mason James, 437th, 14:44.46; and Oliver Monroe, 454th, 18:05.16.

- Shawe Junior High boys tennis closed out its season with a 5-0 loss at Southwestern on Thursday.
- In singles, Patrick Kahn lost 8-0, Johnny Cooke lost 8-3 and Tanner Sims lost 8-6. In doubles, Parker Yowler and Walker Alderman lost 8-1 and Cameron Young and Jackson Thevenow lost 9-7.
- Shawe Junior High boys soccer dropped a hard-fought 3-2 decision to Rising Sun on Thursday in the Hilltoppers' final game of the season.
- Carlos Graterol had a goal and an assist for the Hilltoppers. Johnny Cooke had a goal and Ayden Dempler had an assist.
- Shawe finishes the season 13-2-3.

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# Panthers hand out Stanley Cup rings, stressing how title was won together

**BY TIM REYNOLDS**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — It took Florida coach Paul Maurice 30 years to win a Stanley Cup championship ring. And after he was handed the box holding his new piece of jewelry on Monday, he had to wait about 30 minutes before he could actually look at the prize.

The reason: The Panthers wanted the whole organization to see the rings together. It was worth the wait.

The Panthers handed out dozens of rings Monday at a private ceremony commemorating last season's Stanley Cup title to players, coaches, team executives, members of the athletic training and medical staff and more. But owners Vincent and Teresa Viola had one rule: Since, in their view, it took everyone in the organization banding together to win the Cup, then everyone had to open the boxes at the same time.

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# Big day by Burrow spoiled by Ravens in OT

**BY JEFF WALLNER**  
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CINCINNATI — Joe Burrow had a career day and the Cincinnati Bengals led by 10 points three times in the second half.

That still wasn't enough.

The defense couldn't stop Lamar Jackson and the Baltimore Ravens' offense in a stunning 41-38 overtime loss.

"We're 1-4, so obviously something has to change," Burrow said.

"We're not a championship-level team right now. I'd like to think we'll come back and improve throughout the season to get to that point, but right now, we are not."

Burrow passed for 392 yards and a career-high five touchdowns, including two to Ja'Marr Chase, who finished with 12 catches for 193 yards.

"Putting up 30 points is something that we want

**After a relatively quiet afternoon, Henry followed McPherson's miss with a 51-yard run to set up Justin Tucker's 24-yard game-winner. Henry had 14 carries for 41 yards and a TD before that run as the Bengals managed to keep the Ravens' rushing attack in check. What they couldn't do was slow Jackson.**

to do on a regular basis," Chase said.

"Putting up 30 points and losing isn't something we want to do."

Baltimore led 14-9 in the second quarter when Cincinnati's Sam Hubbard tackled Derrick Henry in the end zone for a safety.

On the ensuing possession, Burrow hit Chase for a 41-yard touchdown and Chase Brown ran for a 2-point conversion to give the Bengals a 17-14 lead at halftime.

Cincinnati had second-half leads of 24-14, 31-21 and then 38-28 after a 70-yard catch and sprint by Chase with 8:54 left in the fourth quarter.

Each time, Jackson and

the Ravens responded to keep the pressure on the Bengals offense.

"My statement (earlier this week) rang true," Burrow said.

"Perfect is what we needed, but that's not what we did."

The Bengals did a good job controlling the Ravens' top-ranked rushing offense, but Jackson threw for 348 yards and four TDs while running for 55 yards.

"We got it rolling on offense eventually, but so did they," Burrow said.

With five minutes remaining and the ball at the Bengals 6, Jackson scrambled back to the 20, shoved Hubbard to the turf and found Isaiah Likely in the corner

of the end zone for the touchdown.

"They've got a great quarterback," Bengals coach Zac Taylor said. "You have to be aggressive. He answered the bell, often. He's strong. He's athletic. He's tough to bring down."

Burrow's one mistake was costly, an interception by Marlon Humphrey on a pass intended for Chase with 3:05 left that led to Tucker's tying field goal at the end of regulation.

"Marlon's a great player," Burrow said. "He's a smart, savvy player. Knows what we're trying to do in that situation. He played it perfect."

The Ravens were driving for a potential win-

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— Joe Burrow

ning touchdown in overtime when Jackson fumbled the snap and Germaine Pratt recovered at the Ravens 37. But the Bengals couldn't take advantage.

Brown ran three times for 3 yards and Evan McPherson's 53-yard field goal attempt sailed wide after holder Ryan Rehkow mishandled the snap.

Burrow agreed with the Bengals' conservative approach.

"I'm not going to second-guess that," Burrow said.

"We're in field goal range. Yes, you want to get yards to make it easier on him."

"As good as their rush is, you always take a

chance at getting sacked in that situation."

After a relatively quiet afternoon, Henry followed McPherson's miss with a 51-yard run to set up Justin Tucker's 24-yard game-winner.

Henry had 14 carries for 41 yards and a TD before that run as the Bengals managed to keep the Ravens' rushing attack in check.

What they couldn't do was slow Jackson.

"That was the main thing, to stop the run," Bengals cornerback Cam Taylor-Britt said.

"That last one got out and that ended the game."

And put Cincinnati in a big hole just five games into the season.

# Lawrence leads Jaguars to 1st win, 37-34 over Colts

**BY MARK LONG**  
AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — No longer winless, the Jacksonville Jaguars can now start working on not being defenseless.

Trevor Lawrence threw for 371 yards and two touchdowns on his 25th birthday and put Jacksonville in position for Cam Little's 49-yard field goal with 17 seconds left that gave the Jaguars their first victory of the season, 37-34 over the short-handed Indianapolis Colts on Sunday.

Tank Bigsby ran for 101 yards and two scores for Jacksonville (1-4), which won for the first time since December and extended its home streak against division rival Indianapolis (2-3) to double digits.

"I kind of know we don't lose to them, so I'm like, 'Good timing, good timing,' " Jags defensive end Josh Hines-Allen said.

Jacksonville won its 10th consecutive home game in the series while wearing throwback uniforms on a day the franchise inducted retired coach Tom Coughlin into its ring of honor. It was a fitting tribute to the man who built an expansion team into a contender.

But another late-game

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collapse left the Jaguars looking for more answers. The Colts scored 24 points in the fourth quarter despite playing without quarterback Anthony Richardson, running back Jonathan Taylor and center Ryan Kelly. They racked up 447 yards and converted 7 of 14 third downs, providing more headaches for new defensive coordinator Ryan Nielsen.

Joe Flacco, a 39-year-old veteran who beat Jacksonville in Cleveland last season, completed 33 of 44 passes for 359 yards and three touchdowns. He directed 42- and 45-second scoring drives to rally the Colts from a 14-point deficit late.

Flacco had one final chance, but Travon Walker ended the game with his third sack.

"Obviously, it's one of those games that ends up being kind of like you want the ball last,"

Flacco said. "This is the NFL. You're going to play games like this, and you got to be able to dig deep and try to find a way to win."

The Colts haven't won in Jacksonville since 2014, a losing streak that clearly has the team's attention.

"I don't have a great answer for you. I've been here two years," coach Shane Steichen said. "I know some of the guys in the locker room have been around it, but we got to get that fixed for sure going forward."

Lawrence ended his nine-game skid as a starter. He completed 28 of 34 passes, although he did throw his first interception of the season. He connected with rookie Brian Thomas for an 85-yard touchdown in the second quarter and with Christian Kirk for 61 yards that set up another TD pass.

Thomas finished with five receptions for 122 yards.

Lawrence, Thomas and

Bigsby were the catalysts for a team that was seemingly on the verge of unraveling. Lawrence and receiver Gabe Davis got into a sideline argument in the first quarter and had to be separated. That followed a mid-week report that said coach Doug Pederson had lost the locker room.

Pederson and his players denied any discord and certainly will point to beating Indy as a potential turning point.

"There was some frustration. We had a little back and forth and cleared it up. That's all it is. I love when stuff like that happens. You confront issues. ... Let's talk about it and move on. We did a great job of that."

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Coughlin helped build the Jaguars from the ground up between 1995 and 2002. He led the expansion team to the AFC title game in 1996 and 1999.

Coughlin was joined on stage by fellow Pride members Tony Boselli, Fred Taylor and Jimmy Smith.

"I'm humbled. I'm very proud," Coughlin said. "For me, it's never about the individual. It's always about the team. And I really regret the fact that

I could never just stand there for lack of time and read the first staff and the supporters and so on and so forth. I think you'd get a kick out of it."

**KEY INJURIES**

Colts: Right guard Will Fries broke his right leg in the third quarter and was carted off the field with his leg in an air cast. Steichen said Fries will remain overnight in Jacksonville for surgery.


Jaguars: Returner Devin Duvernay left with a hamstring injury. Safety Antonio Johnson dealt with cramping issues.

**UP NEXT**

The Colts play at Tennessee next Sunday.

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# Reds hire Francona as manager a year after leaving Cleveland

**BY TOM WITHERS**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Terry Francona needed some time away from baseball. A year was long enough.

One of baseball's most beloved managers, Francona has been hired by the Cincinnati Reds, returning to a team he played for after stepping down in Cleveland following last season because of health reasons.

The Reds announced the hire Friday. Francona has agreed to a three-year contract through the 2027 season with a club option for 2028, the team said in a statement.

Francona, who won two World Series titles with the Boston Red Sox, is replacing David Bell, fired by the Reds last month in the final days of his sixth season. Bell went 409-456 during his tenure.

Francona, who turns 66 in April, played as an outfielder for Cincinnati in 1987. He hit .227 with three homers and 12 RBIs in 102 games.

He said he was excited to join a club with Cincinnati's history and tradition.

"I can't wait to start meeting and interacting with these good young players of ours," Francona said in a statement.

Bob Castellini, the Reds' principal owner and managing partner, said he was proud to welcome Francona to the team.

"Terry's proven track record speaks for itself. He is an outstanding manager who will



AP Photo

**Terry Francona has agreed to a three-year contract to manage the Cincinnati Reds through the 2027 season with a club option for 2028.**

lead our club forward," Castellini said.

It's easy to see the appeal of the situation for both Francona and Cincinnati. The Reds went 77-85 this year, but they have one of the game's most dynamic players in Elly De La Cruz and a potentially deep rotation fronted by Hunter Greene.

Francona helped All-Star third baseman José Ramírez become one of baseball's best all-around players in Cleveland, and he should have no problem commanding the attention of Cincinnati's young roster.

Francona's hiring was met with some mixed feelings in Cleveland with some fans disappointed he would join the club's in-state rival.

First-year Guardians manag-

er Stephen Vogt, who replaced Francona, is excited he's back in the game.

"Tito is obviously somebody I've looked up to," Vogt said before the Guardians worked out ahead of Game 1 of the AL Division Series. "He's helped me tremendously this year. We want the best people working in baseball, and Tito is definitely one of them. Sure-fire Hall of Famer.

"When the best people are in the game, the game is a better place, so I'm really excited for Tito."

After leaving the Guardians, Francona, a three-time AL Manager of the Year, spent time at his new home in Arizona and mostly kept a low profile other than attending basketball games at his alma mater in Tucson. He returned to Cleveland briefly during the summer to help launch a new restaurant in which he has an ownership stake.

Francona has a 1,950-1,672 record in 23 years as a big league manager with Philadelphia (1997-2000), the Red Sox (2004-2011) and Guardians (2013-2023).

He was slowed by serious medical issues in his final years in Cleveland but stayed clear of calling his departure a retirement.

"I never was real concerned about the word retire," he said last year. "I guess when you say retire, it's like, well, you're going home and not doing

anything. Don't feel that way either. We'll figure something out that makes sense."

He found that something on the other side of Ohio.

With 1,950 wins, he's 13th on the career list, sandwiched by Casey Stengel (1,905) and Leo Durocher (2,008), two other colorful managers who like Francona endeared themselves to fans and players.

Francona's rise as one of the game's best managers was somewhat unexpected.

Things didn't go particularly well for him in Philadelphia, where he had four straight losing seasons, got constantly booed in a demanding, sports-crazed city and had the tires on his car slashed on fan appreciation day.

He was an unlikely choice for Boston's job, but he immediately claimed legendary status by winning the World Series in his first season.

The Red Sox overcame a 3-0 deficit in the AL Championship Series and swept St. Louis to end an 86-year championship drought and exorcise the "Curse of the Bambino," a perceived hex on the team after Babe Ruth was sold to the rival New York Yankees.

When his tenure in Boston ended in 2011 amid some controversy, Francona took a year off and worked in broadcasting before going to Cleveland, where his dad, Tito, spent six seasons and he himself played 62 games in 1988.

Francona took Cleveland to the playoffs seven times in his 11 seasons and won 921 games. The Guardians, then known as the Indians, made it to the World Series in 2016, only to lose to the Chicago Cubs in a seven-game series.

Known as Tito, Francona became popular in Cleveland with his quick wit and affable personality. He rode a scooter from his downtown apartment to the ballpark each day, often waving to fans along his short route.

Francona could have taken jobs elsewhere but felt a deep connection with Cleveland's organization after his dad played for the Indians in the late 1950s and early '60s. He was forced to take two lengthy leaves of absence with Cleveland in 2020 while dealing with heart and gastrointestinal issues.

For his final game with the Guardians on Sept. 27 last season, the club handed out "Thank you Tito" T-shirts to fans at Progressive Field and the Guardians sent him out in style with a 4-3 win — over the Reds.

Afterward, Francona said he needed a break.

"I just think the timing is good," he said. "I'm just kind of beat up physically, and it's hard to do this job right or the way I want to do it. I don't want to shortchange anybody. I don't want to overstay my welcome."

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# Rourke helps Indiana stay unbeaten with victory over Northwestern

**BY GAVIN DORSEY**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

EVANSTON, Ill. — Kurtis Rourke threw for 380 yards and three touchdowns to help No. 23 Indiana stay unbeaten with a 41-24 victory over Northwestern on Saturday.

The Hoosiers (6-0, 3-0 Big Ten) also had 149 yards on the ground with Justice Ellison (68 yards) and Ty Son Lawton (52 yards) each having a rushing TD. Elijah Sar-ratt had 135 yards on seven catches. The Hoosiers matched their best start to the season with the six wins, equaling the 1967 squad.

“It’s great to be 6-0,” Indiana coach Curt Cignetti said. “I’m not going to say we needed a game like that, but we were certainly tested back and forth like we had not been tested this season.”

Jack Lausch had a bounce-back performance for Northwestern (2-3, 0-2), throwing for 243 yards and two scores. Bryce Kirtz and A.J. Henning were his favorite tar-

gets, combining for 195 yards on 16 catches. “Very disappointed in the result,” Northwestern coach David Braun said. “There was some momentum on the offensive side of the ball. We weren’t able to get some critical stops on the defensive side of the ball.”

Following a slow start, both teams combined for five consecutive scoring drives to end the first half. Indiana took a 17-10 lead into the break, led by Rourke’s 196 yards. Miles Cross made a toe-tapping catch in the back of the end zone to break a 7-7 tie and put the Hoosiers in front for good.

Henning caught two touchdowns in the second half, including a two-yard screen pass that cut the deficit to 27-24. However, Northwestern’s defense could not stop Indiana from marching down the field for touchdowns on consecutive drives and the Hoosiers put the game away.

The Hoosiers have succeeded in the first half of the season despite

fielding a mostly new team — much of the roster transferred to Indiana this past offseason.

“This is culture and mindset,” Cignetti said. “These are guys that came from championship programs that have now won 20 of their last 21 games, and a lot of other transfers that come from good programs, and the guys that stayed have that chip on their shoulders to improve. When you take over a program, the number one thing you’ve got to do is change the way people think... We have a blueprint. We have a way we play. We’ve got character. We’ve got some talent, and they’re playing like all of our other teams have played in those situations.”

**IU OFFENSE ROLLS AGAIN**

The nation’s No. 3 scoring offense entering Saturday broke the 40-point mark for the fifth time this season, putting up over 500 yards of total offense with no turnovers. Rourke enjoyed his third

300-yard performance in the last four games, while the Hoosiers averaged 4.9 yards per carry on the ground prior to the final drive. Indiana had the 11th-worst offense in 2023, scoring 22.2 points per outing.

**MISSED TACKLES PLAGUE NORTHWESTERN**

The Wildcats held Indiana to a turnover on downs and punt to open the game, but Northwestern’s defense gave up seven straight scoring drives (five touchdown, two field goal) to essentially seal the game away. The main culprit was missed tackling, namely on a 52-yard catch-and-run by Ke-Shawn Williams, who escaped four Northwestern defenders. Indiana’s 41 points were the most allowed by the Wildcats in their five games played.

**THE TAKEAWAY**

**Indiana:** The Hoosier defense struggled to stop Northwestern at

times, but Indiana’s calling card has been its offense, which continued its dominant start to the season. Rourke excelled and was aided by a strong ground attack.

**Northwestern:** Despite the loss, the Wildcats can find optimism in giving 6-0 Indiana one of its toughest challenges yet. Lausch rebounded well from a disastrous game in Washington where he completed less than 30% of his passes, showcasing his abilities both through the air and on the ground.

**POLL IMPLICATIONS**

No. 22 Louisville fell to SMU on Saturday morning, giving Indiana an opportunity to rise in the polls. However, No. 9 Missouri was upset by No. 25 Texas A&M, meaning the Aggies have a good chance of leap-frogging the Hoosiers.

**UP NEXT**

The Hoosiers have a bye week before hosting Nebraska on Oct. 19.

# Vandy takes down No. 1 Alabama 40-35

**BY TERESA M. WALKER**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE — Fans of the Vanderbilt Commodores danced onto the field, jumping up and down as they tore down a goal post, carried it out of the stadium and rang out sweet sounds of victory.

Then they toted the goal post just over a couple miles and tossed it into the Cumberland River.

Their school’s historic win over No. 1 Alabama deserved to be celebrated this way.

Sedrick Alexander ran for two touchdowns, Randon Fontenette scored on a pick-six and Diego Pavia outplayed Heisman Trophy candidate Jalen Milroe as Vanderbilt stunned Alabama 40-35 on Saturday for the Commodores’ first win over the nation’s top-ranked team.

Vanderbilt (3-2, 1-1 Southeastern Conference) had lost all 60 games against AP top-five teams, according to SportRadar. The Commodores hadn’t beaten Alabama on the field in 40 years, but they snapped a 23-game skid making big play after big play to give coach Clark Lea his alma mater’s biggest win ever.

“This is the dream, right here,” Lea said. “And for the next 12 hours, I’m going to enjoy the dream. We’ve got more ahead of us, but this is what Vanderbilt football needs to be about: Big wins on big stages. We’re going to go get some more.”

The Commodores scored the first 13 points and took a 16-point lead that was their largest ever over the No. 1 team in the country. Only Jam Miller running for his second TD just before halftime trimmed that to 23-14.

Alabama had just moved to the top of the AP Top 25 last week after a win over then-No. 2 Georgia. It’ll be a short stay, and first-year coach Kalen DeBoer said it’s back to work for a team that wasn’t at its best Saturday.

“We’re going to find out really how much we care about each other and what it looks like moving forward,” DeBoer said. “We’ve been tested in different ways really a lot of the games here this season, and this is a different type of test now in our response.”

Alexander capped the game’s opening drive with a 7-yard TD to put Vandy ahead to stay. It marked the first time since 2007 that Vandy had opened a game against Alabama with a TD, the last time being Nick Saban’s second game as coach.

The Tide (4-1, 1-1) helped Vanderbilt pad that lead with too many mistakes, sloppy play and penalties.

Alabama got to 30-28 with Milroe’s 58-yard TD pass to Ryan Williams.

The Commodores

answered with 10 points. Of their total, 13 came off Milroe’s two turnovers, the second a strip sack by Miles Capers recovered by Yilanan Ouattara at mid-field.

Pavia capped the drive with a 6-yard TD pass to Alabama native Kamrean Johnson with 5:07 left for a 40-28 lead. Milroe tried to rally Alabama, with Williams scoring on an end around on fourth-and-1 from 2 yards out with 2:46 left.

Vanderbilt fans and players started celebrating as Pavia knelt down to run out the clock.

“Games like this change your life,” Pavia said.

Milroe had his second pass of the game tipped into the air by De’Rickey Wright, who committed to Alabama and wound up at Vanderbilt. Fontenette grabbed the ball and ran 24 yards to the end zone for the pick-six and a 13-0 lead at 8:03 of the first quarter.

Vanderbilt jumped out to a 23-7 lead, just the second time in the last 10 seasons that a No. 1 team trailed an unranked opponent by 16 or more points.

Vanderbilt never trailed as the Commodores played keep-away, holding the ball for just over 42 minutes. Alabama had a 312-252 yardage advantage on offense. It didn’t matter with Vandy converting 12 of 18 on third downs wearing down the Tide defense.

Alabama linebacker Deontae Lawson said it’s early and everything remains in front of the Tide.

“We never want to feel this again,” Lawson said.

Poll implications

Alabama will drop out of the top spot after this loss to the SEC’s perennial cellar dweller. Alabama now is 64-4 against unranked teams as the AP’s top-ranked team.

## THE TAKEAWAYS

Alabama: The Tide played sloppy coming off an emotional win over Georgia and hurt themselves with too many penalties. The Tide had six penalties for 57 yards. They also failed to sack Pavia even once.

Vanderbilt: Lea’s numerous offseason changes paid off, and those included bringing in Pavia as a graduate transfer along with his head coach and offensive coordinator from New Mexico State. ... Kicker Brock Taylor also got a much-needed confidence boost after missing two field goals in the second overtime of a road loss at then-No. 7 Missouri. After having his second extra point attempt blocked, he came back to make a pair of field goals, including a 51-yarder.

## UP NEXT

Vanderbilt visits Kentucky, who is coming out of a bye week, Saturday.

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ACROSS

1 Uneasy feeling

6 "Hey! Over here!"

10 "We made it!"

14 A la \_\_ (way to order)

15 No more than: 2 wds.

16 Golf course target

17 Ringo of the Beatles

18 Look for

19 Valentine's Day flower

20 Dessert served with candles: 2 wds.

23 Bit of lotion

24 Cow's sounds

25 Bahamas city

30 Nut in a pie

34 Allowed

35 Way to fry food: 2 wds.

37 Realtor's transaction

38 Cigarette residue

39 Infant

42 In favor of

43 Sneak a \_\_

45 Smooth transition

46 Come to a close

47 Vegas destination

49 Lets go

51 Baby sheep

54 Genre similar to techno: Abbr.

55 Grapeliqe fruits

60 Storyline

61 Attention

62 Jet-setting group

65 Greek liqueur

66 Wearing clothes

67 Hindustani stringed instrument

68 Adolescent

69 As well

70 Exams

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1 Cooling appliances: Abbr.

2 DC ballplayer, for short

3 Seize

4 Long step

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10/8/24

Today's Puzzle Solved

5 University of Maryland athlete

6 Shove

7 Went over the limit

8 Hot water vapor

9 Japan's capital

10 Sentence fragments

11 \_\_, line, and sinker

12 Otherwise

13 Very small

21 Variety of steak

22 Police officer

25 Envelope parts

26 Put back to 0

27 Old anesthetic

28 Spreadsheet parts

29 Rome's river

31 Casual eateries

32 By oneself

33 Geeky people

36 Theater area

40 King or queen

41 Most impoverished

44 Unit of explosive force

48 \_\_ de deux

50 2001 Oscar-nominated French film

52 Muslim holy city

53 LeBron's game, for short

55 Adhesive

56 Seep (out)

57 Historic periods

58 Start over

59 Takes a chair

60 Cooking vessel

63 Piece of body art, for short

64 Triage areas: Abbr.

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ACROSS

1 "Uh-huh"

4 Not safe, in baseball

7 Female horses

9 Japanese fish dish

11 Accumulate

12 Grooves on car tires

14 Decisive election victory

16 Pilfer

18 Explosions

19 NFL official, for short

21 Possess

22 Crying fit

23 Groups of atoms

25 Hero sandwich

27 Part of an atlas

28 Neither fish \_\_ fowl

29 Impressive display

31 Actor Baio

33 One or more

34 Pronoun for a ship

35 Cul-de-\_\_

37 Name of two British queens

41 Comedian

43 Actress Loughlin

44 Pitcher's stat: Abbr.

45 Loving touch

48 Small hill

50 Verbal disputes

52 Some belly buttons

54 Paths of planets

55 Jolt of power

56 Frigid temperatures

57 Price location

58 Medical pros: Abbr.

DOWN

1 Football field units

2 Physicist Mach

3 Removes the outer layer from

4 Pronoun for you and me

5 Draws upon

6 "Ow!": 2 wds.

7 Nicaragua's capital

8 \_\_ Lanka

9 Iron alloy

10 Best possible

11 Fancy parties

13 Keep for later

14 1960s president's initials

15 Let go of

17 Guitarist Paul

20 Barrier around a lawn

23 Month before June

24 Dove's sound

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27 Possibly

30 "Messenger" molecule: Abbr.

31 "Be quiet!"

32 Natural gifts

34 Celebrity

36 Prices

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10/9/24

Today's Puzzle Solved

37 Animal with big antlers

38 Comedian Love

39 Removes wrinkles from

40 Remove pencil marks from

42 Battleship letters: Abbr.

45 Restored to health

46 Yellowish shade

47 Bridle attachments

49 Old Italian money

51 Obtained

53 Omelet ingredient

# Imprisoned nephew wants family connection

Dear Eric: My sister's only son (and my only nephew) is incarcerated in another state and will remain so for many more years for sex crimes against a child. I am still flabbergasted as to how he could commit such a heinous crime.

My sister maintains contact with him, but no one else in the family is interested in communicating with him. He wants to be able to call and write to me. I am sure he needs emotional support, and I know he will ask for money to be put on his books.

I really don't want anything to do with such a person and can't imagine what I could possibly say to him other than to express my absolute disgust in his actions that will affect this child in one way or another for likely her entire life.

I have told my sister that I have no interest in communicating with him and to please not give him my phone number or email address under

any circumstances. Am I being too harsh? I remember the day he was born and how happy and close we all were for so long. His actions are unforgivable as far as I'm concerned.

— Conflicted Aunt

Dear Conflicted: You're not being too harsh; you've set a boundary. He needs to honor it, as does your sister.

Though he says he wants to be in contact, I'm not seeing any work that he's doing or has done to repair the relationship with you. His crimes had an unimaginably horrific impact on his victims and

their families.

And they also impacted your family. Without repair, there can't be a relationship. And even with amends from him, your relationship won't be the same.

If he's ready, willing and able to do the work, he can send word through your sister. And you can decide whether a new relationship is possible. But for now, you've stated clearly what you need, and that can be the last word.

R. ERIC THOMAS  
ASKING ERIC

# Aunt's secret story about sister haunts niece

Dear Eric: My aunt on my mother's side told me that there was something she needed to tell me but that I'd have to wait until my mother passed. My mother was sick at the time, so I let it go.

My mother passed away 10 years ago, sadly, but after allowing us all time to grieve, I asked my aunt what it was she had to tell me.

However, when I asked her, she suddenly couldn't remember. To this day, we seldom talk. We were close as mother and daughter, always meeting up for lunch, calling and talking for hours. Now, she's almost written me off. It's as though she has a guilty conscience, if I were to guess.

I've tried countless ways of trying to get this out of her, only for me to be told "drop it, I don't remember, like I told you, and stop asking!" This is taking a toll on me. I've thought about every scenario it could possibly be, even to the point of hiring a psychic.

I just need help on how to try and get my answers that are leaving me

feeling hopeless.

— Looking for Answers

Dear Answers: I hate that your aunt created this cliffhanger. It's not fair to you and has clearly compounded your pain. I'm really sorry.

Decide for yourself that whatever it was, it wasn't important enough for your mother to mention and therefore isn't something that you need to know. And then tell yourself you believe it. This won't be easy — it's taken on the mythic stature of a Big Secret in your mind. But you can right-size it by telling yourself that this is some drama that your aunt has created in her own mind.

One thing that will help with this is trying to reset the relationship with your aunt. Tell her: I miss the closeness of our old relationship, and I need to get it back. What can we do to repair this? If it takes me never asking about the secret again, I'm willing to do it. That's how much I value our relationship.

In time, she needs to apologize to you for creating this turmoil. I hope she does. I hope she's able to get over whatever she's built up around herself and be there for you.

R. ERIC THOMAS  
ASKING ERIC

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## ASTROLOGY

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — Keep the momentum going despite any fading enthusiasm. Your desire to stay on the right side of everyone could cause you to become too fawning. Consider keeping a close eye on projects and deadlines to ensure they get completed.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — It's possible to change a first impression. The easiest way might be to change the setting to give them another first look at you in a different environment, under contrasting circumstances. Find ways to improve how others see you.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — Applying persistence and determination may be the best way to achieve favorable results. If you set a good example, someone who is not convinced by mere words might be persuaded to cooperate with your plans and ideas.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — If you are in a rush to make a favorable impression on someone, decisions may be put into motion without adequate planning. Consider engaging with others in your community but remain aware to protect your heart and inner peace.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — You're feeling so optimistic and confident that you may feel ready to take on anything, even if you lack the ability to see it through. However, be cautious of offering or relying on casual promises, as they often lead to disappointment.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Take someone's kindness and warmth to heart. What seems like a mere casual remark or often used inspirational quote could contain the seeds of your success. If you hear the truth, be sure you listen and apply it to your life.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Since you can't avoid the truth, you might as well relax and accept it. Deep down, you might feel undeserving of the exciting rewards or opportunities coming your way, but someone may see your true worth and want to take a chance on you.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Promises and assurances are one thing, but the results may be what truly matters. When someone consistently steps up, cherish them and keep them in your life for the long haul. A loved one might fill voids and gaps you didn't even realize were there.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Maintain a calm and composed presence, and it may soon become your reality. Although there could be emotional disruptions, someone close to you could understand the full picture and might offer wise guidance, if needed.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — If you've got it, flaunt it — you might be overflowing with energy and ambition, with a clear vision of the future. Don't hesitate to ask for favors, as helpful people around you could be more than happy and willing to assist.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Your dedication to a cause, even if it's potentially a lost one, may be appreciated by someone who values commitment. Be mindful of your bank account; acting on a whim could jeopardize your long-term financial goals.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Charity always begins at home, so be especially generous, tolerant, and kind to your loved ones. Everything could eventually go as planned if you adopt a levelheaded attitude and work together to resolve any miscommunications.

## ASTROLOGY

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — History tends to repeat itself. Consider sharing examples of your past successes to build trust and increase your earnings. Your credit score or other bonafides can be seen as proof of your reliability and commitment to honoring agreements.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — You may attract someone who seems exciting but at the same time there might be numerous differences that could eventually pull you apart. Perhaps, focus on forming genuine friendships and spending your money on things of good taste.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — Being energetic and enthusiastic may come naturally. Staying dedicated to your tasks could earn you positive recognition. Sometimes being the last one to leave at the end of the day can show loyalty, but not at the cost of your wellbeing.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — Don't act on impulses and passing whims based on emotions. Be mindful of what you truly want for your life and where you see yourself in the future. Using good judgment and commitment might lead to increasing your bank balance.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — You may not always get what you want, but you should get what you need. You may connect with people who might help you achieve your goals or who share your vision for the future. Consider treating yourself to the finer things in life.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Social gatherings and community events could be on your agenda. Spend quality time with loved ones or invite a friend over for a shared hobby or mutual interest. Even if you disagree with something, learn to tolerate differing opinions.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Don't be alarmed or take it personally if someone acts like a bull in a China shop. Their energetic but misguided actions might cause some irritation, but things will eventually settle down and work out. Focus your attention on your goals.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Learn to filter out information that may be irrelevant and you can do better at handling multiple streams of facts at the same time. It's essential to distinguish between what deserves your attention and what is simply background noise.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — The gentle flow of a new passion might falter when it meets the depths of true love. It may be wiser to opt for friendship. You might sense that someone is trying to change a situation solely to benefit their best interest.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Disregard minor acts of selfishness. You can be economical while still being generous with your time and talents. By exercising caution and working behind the scenes, you might gain bigger and more significant rewards.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Sometimes you might be able to improvise, but other times you need to plan carefully. If your intuition tells you that a financial matter requires closer inspection, take the time to investigate before making irreversible decisions.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Instead of going in circles over a minor issue, move on to something else. A positive shift in attitude could help you spot an innovative idea or solution. Prioritize being a good friend in both platonic and romantic relationships.



# Big Ten commissioner says league has ‘positive feelings’ toward expanding NCAA Tournament

BY ANDREW SELIGMAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROSEMONT, Ill. — Big Ten Commissioner Tony Petitti joined a chorus of major conference leaders suggesting the NCAA Tournament be expanded beyond the current 68 teams.

“I think there are some positive feelings towards expansion in our league,” Petitti said Thursday at Big Ten Media Day.

The NCAA presented a plan to Division I conference commissioners that would expand the lucrative men’s and women’s basketball tournaments by four or eight teams alongside an option to leave each field at 68, according to a person familiar with the details told The Associated Press in June.

The SEC’s Greg Sankey, ACC’s Jim Phillips and Brett Yormark have all at least floated the idea of adding teams to the tournament.

“I think also the detail of how the seeding would work,” Petitti said. “I just need to hear more about how that would work depending on how many teams they had, what the seeding looks like, what the first two days look like, because it’s just not as simple as saying

add more teams. I think it has an impact on actually how you structure those first couple of days and what types of changes they would be considering or not.”

The men’s tournament went from 64 to 68 teams in 2011. The women matched that in 2022.

Expansion is largely backed by larger conferences. Smaller leagues don’t want to lose automatic bids that come with winning conference tournaments or constantly be relegated to play-in games.

### NOT EXPANDING

Petitti said the Big Ten has no plans to add more schools.

The league went from 14 to 18 members this year with UCLA, USC, Oregon and Washington jumping from the Pac-12. Having teams from coast to coast and across several time zones presents enough challenges for now.

“There’s just no discussions about it at all,” Petitti said. “I think we feel really good about where we are.”

### HOIBERG’S HEART

Nebraska coach Fred Hoiberg said he’s “feeling great” after having his pace-maker replaced Friday.

“Biggest thing right now is just being careful,” he said. “I’m coaching a lot on the sidelines trying not to get hit. I just can’t get hit in the area where they did the procedure.”

It was the 51-year-old Hoiberg’s second pacemaker replacement. He was born with an abnormal aortic valve and had surgeries in 2005 and 2015. His heart condition was discovered during a life insurance physical and brought an end to his NBA playing career.

Hoiberg comes into his sixth season at Nebraska with a 63-94 record leading the Cornhuskers. They went 23-11 and made the NCAA Tournament last year. Hoiberg previously coached alma mater Iowa State and the NBA’s Chicago Bulls.

### HE SAID IT

“For me being in the Big Ten, I think I’m like the grim reaper. I was in the Big East. It broke up. Whatever league I’m in, it breaks up. Then the Pac-12 breaks up.” — UCLA coach Mick Cronin.

“It keeps you away from that article that everybody writes about who hasn’t gotten there.” — Purdue coach Matt Painter on reaching the Final Four last year.

## Sports Briefs

From wire reports

### CB Brown no longer with Purdue

MADISON, Wis. — Purdue cornerback Markevious Brown is no longer with the team due to a personal matter but could return next year.

The school issued a statement Saturday on Brown’s status before Purdue’s game at Wisconsin.

“It is necessary for Markevious Brown to step away from the team at this time,” the school said. “As of today, it is our expectation that he will rejoin the program for the 2025 season. This is a personal matter, and we will have no additional comments.”

Brown had nine tackles and a team-high three pass breakups through the first four games. This was his second season with Purdue after two years at Mississippi.

### Safety Neal leaves Cardinals

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Louisville announced Saturday that senior free safety Devin Neal has left the program a season after leading the Cardinals with four interceptions and earning All-Atlantic Coast Conference honors.

No reason for Neal’s departure was stated in a release less than an hour before the No. 22 Cardinals hosted SMU in league play. He was listed as the “or” choice just below Tamarion McDonald on the two-

deep chart, though McDonald has started all four contests.

The Lexington, Kentucky, native was a third-team All-ACC selection last season after tying for third in the league in interceptions after playing three seasons at Baylor. Neal’s 67 tackles ranked third on the team in 2023, with two of his pickoffs coming in a 33-20 home victory over No. 10 Notre Dame.

He had nine tackles this season, four solo, and was tied for 12th on the team. Neal had three stops last week in a loss at Notre Dame and has also blocked a punt this season.

Louisville also said receiver Jimmy Calloway would not play against the Mustangs.

### IndyCar returning to Texas in 2026


The IndyCar Arlington Grand Prix will be held in March 2026 on a 2.73-mile circuit that will feature AT&T Stadium, where the Cowboys play, and Globe Life Field, where the Rangers play. The course will weave through Arlington’s core sports and entertainment district.

Additional details on the event will be announced at a Tuesday ceremony that will include IndyCar owner Roger Penske, Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, Rangers chief operating officer Neil Leibman, two-time Indianapolis 500 winner Josef Newgarden, three-time IndyCar champion Alex Palou and Major League Baseball Hall of Famer Pudge Rodriguez.

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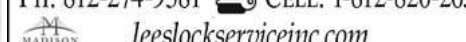
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